

## Genscher pledges EC peace efforts

BONN (AP) — West Germany's new president, Christian Genscher, pledged Monday to lead the European Community (EC) in peace efforts. Genscher, 57, said he would lead the EC's efforts to bring about a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He said Genscher met the two to hear the local population's views on the present uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. According to the spokesman, neither Palestinian had any contact with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). After an informal meeting of the foreign ministers over the weekend, the EC reaffirmed its support for an international conference on the Middle East and welcomed the new American peace proposal, which includes a call for an international conference. Genscher said Sunday he would meet Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahim, a representative of the Arab League, to try and give a new impulse to efforts for peace in the Middle East.

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## King visits GHQ

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Monday called at the Armed Forces General Headquarters where he was briefed by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker on Armed Forces' training programmes and activities.

## King sends good wishes to Assad

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein sent a message of greetings Monday to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the "Revolution of March 8" and wished Assad continued health and happiness and the Syrian people progress and prosperity.

## King congratulates Senegalese leader

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday sent a cable to Senegalese President Abdou Diouf congratulating him on the occasion of his reelection as president. The King noted Senegal's effective role in Islamic cooperation through the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC). The King also wished Diouf continuing good health and happiness and the Senegalese people further progress and prosperity.

## GCC ministers to meet March 15

RIYADH (R) — Foreign ministers from Arab Gulf states will meet next week to discuss the resumed "war of the cities" between Baghdad and Tehran and international efforts to end the Arab-Israeli conflict. A GCC spokesman said the March 15 meeting will also cover the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories and American proposals for an international Middle East peace conference.

## Ibn Ali due in S. Arabia today

TUNIS (AP) — President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali departs Tuesday for a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia, his first to the Middle East since coming to power in November, the presidency announced Monday.

## Lebanese deputy dies

BEIRUT (R) — A Christian Maronite member of the Lebanese parliament, Father Siman Douaihy, died of a heart attack Monday, parliamentary sources said. His death brings to 22 the number of seats vacant in the 99-seat single chamber legislature.

## Sweden avoids criticism of Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson said Monday that he arrived in Israel to support the Jewish state and not to criticise its handling of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories. Andersson said Sweden opposed any boycott of Israeli products in his country to protest against Israel's use of force to quell the uprising. "This is not a time for criticism... I have not come to give you advice but our support," Andersson told reporters on arrival at Tel Aviv airport. The minister is due in Amman Wednesday.

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A Palestinian woman takes off her shoes for more mobility and joins protesters throwing stones at Israeli soldiers in the village of Beit Sahour near Bethlehem

## Israeli bus hijacked; 6 killed in shootout

BEERSHEBA (Agencies) — Three men hijacked a bus taking workers to Israel's top secret nuclear reactor Monday and killed a hostage before Israeli police stormed the bus and shot them dead.

Three Israelis were killed and eight were wounded in the incident.

The gunmen threw hand grenades and fired a Kalashnikov assault rifle to seize the bus taking workers from Beersheba to the nuclear plant near Dimona, in the Negev Desert, where reports say Israel makes atom bombs.

The driver and most passengers escaped. The commandos took the remaining passengers hostage and demanded the release of all Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails, an army statement said.

Troops surrounded the bus. After an hour of negotiations, the commandos shot dead a hostage and wounded two others.

Israel Radio said the commandos were armed with fragmentation grenades, two Kalashnikov assault rifles and a Swedish-made Karl Gustav submachine gun.

A man claiming to represent the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Force 17 phoned a western news agency in Jerusalem and claimed responsibility for the hijacking.

Israel Radio said a PLO spokesman in Tunis told CBS the group was not responsible for the attack.

A special police unit was used to storm the bus, which was hijacked near the Aroer junction 12 kilometres from the Dimona nuclear facility.

Israel Radio and officials said the commandos came across the lightly guarded border from Egypt at night near Ramat Nafha and took over a white military Renault-4 about 7 a.m. Three officers inside escaped.

The squad drove the car towards the Beersheba-Dimona highway, throwing a hand grenade at an Israeli semi-trailer but causing no injuries.

The army and witnesses said a Volvo bus with the nuclear workers came from the opposite direction, and the gunmen fired at the bus and threw grenades until it stopped.

Most of the passengers and the driver escaped but a man and nine women remained, the radio said.

Officials at Soroka hospital in Beersheba said eight women were admitted for treatment of gunshot wounds. It was not clear how two of the women were wounded.

A police van followed the bus after police heard shots and fired at its tyres, forcing it to stop.

## Protesters hurl grenade at Israeli troops in Idna

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Palestinian protesters hurled a grenade Monday at Israeli soldiers in the occupied West Bank, the army said, and military and hospital officials said at least 12 Palestinians were shot during clashes with troops.

Widespread protests erupted in the occupied territories Monday, marking the anniversary of Israel's 1957 withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, and at least one Palestinian died.

A 33-year-old Palestinian protester, Salahuddin Nageeb from Askar refugee camp, was pronounced dead on arrival at Al Iltihad hospital in Nablus after troops opened fire on protesters in the camp.

An army spokesman said one soldier was wounded Monday when a grenade was thrown at troops in Idna, 30 kilometres southwest of Jerusalem, as they moved through the West Bank village to arrest Palestinian protesters.

The incident was the third time since the uprising began Dec. 8 that Palestinians have used firearms or military-type weapons against Israeli soldiers, despite orders by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) not to use fire arms in confrontations with troops.

In the clashes, Palestinians have hurled stones, bottles and homemade gasoline bombs at soldiers armed with automatic rifles.

The army said soldiers shot seven Palestinians as they fired in the direction from which the grenade came. The Palestine Press Service (PPS) said eight were wounded in the clash.

One official at Al Iltihad hospital told Reuters many people were wounded in the Askar confrontation, but gave no specific number.

In the West Bank village of Kabatiyah, troops blew up the homes of two Palestinians allegedly involved in the lynching of a local resident suspected of collaborating with Israel, the army said.

In the Gaza Strip, 38 of 40 local employees of the tax department signed a letter of resignation Sunday, and many turned in their employee cards Monday, according to Arab reporters.

The move threatens to cripple tax collection in Gaza where some 600,000 Palestinians live. It came in response to a call for resignations from factions of the PLO and Islamic fundamentalists in a leaflet distributed in the occupied territories last week.

The Jerusalem Post quoted Shmuel Goren, Israeli "coordinator" for the territories, as saying the administration had already turned to alternative methods of tax collection. He said Arabs were now required to show proof of tax payments when applying for permits to travel, export goods, or get drivers' licenses.

Troops on rampage

Half a dozen Israeli soldiers from a unit with a reputation for brutality went on the rampage Monday in Ramallah, sowing panic among motorists and bystanders.

They poked rifle barrels into motorists' faces, beat a news photographer, threatened old women, blasted a car with rubber bullets and threw a tear-gas canister so close to themselves they had to retreat.

disclose the contents of the letter for Saddam.

INA said Ramadan told Mahmoud that Iraq was prepared to cooperate with international organisations and efforts to end the Gulf war.

But he stressed that Iraq would continue "its severe strikes on the Iranian enemy until he yields to the international will to end the war and achieve peace."

Pakistani officials declined to comment Sunday's talks.

INA reports indicated Monday that people were leaving Tehran for safer areas.

INA said 12 people were killed in the capital Monday by three Iraqi rockets, raising the Iranian death toll to about 250 since the tit-for-tat attacks on population centres resumed on Feb. 27.

An Iraqi military spokesman said Iraq fired three missiles at Tehran between 7.30 (0430 GMT) and 14.00 (1100 GMT), bringing the total in eight days to 41.

"The (Iraqi) missiles were fired to revenge the innocent people killed by Iranian attacks on Baghdad and other Iraqi cities," the spokesman said.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the two officials also discussed bilateral relations, but did not

## Jordan sees positive elements in U.S. plan, seeks Arab coordination

By Lamis K. Andoni  
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AMMAN — Jordan sees positive elements in the new American Middle East peace plan and is seriously studying the proposals, Information Minister Hani Al Khasawneh said Monday.

"We welcome the American moves, and we believe that the American reengagement in the peace process is positive," Khasawneh told reporters at a news conference held at the Ministry of Information.

The minister refused to disclose any detail of the American proposals submitted to Jordan by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz but said the Kingdom "views the American initiative positively."

He did not elaborate but added that Jordan was consulting other Arab parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), on the peace plan.

Asked if Jordan was going to give a separate reply to the U.S. or whether there would be a unified Arab reply, Khasawneh said the Kingdom would respond to the American plan as "an individual party but in accordance with



Hani Khasawneh

the results of Arab coordination.

Khasawneh accused Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of obstructing the peace process. "The collapse of the peace process shall not please us, here in Jordan, or anyone else," he said. "Yet, we believe that Shamir is trying to impede the peace process."

The minister refused to deny or confirm reports by international news agencies that Jordan had extended an invitation

to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

PLO Deputy Military Commander Khalil Wazir was expected to arrive in Amman late Monday to head the Palestinian side of a meeting of the Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee to Support the Steadfastness of the Palestinians living in the occupied Arab territories.

The PLO has rejected the new American peace plan and accused the U.S. of attempting to "defuse the Palestinian uprising" in the West Bank and Gaza.

Khasawneh refrained from commenting on the PLO's rejection of the American plan or Soviet reservations over the proposals.

He noted that "neither the Palestinian people nor the PLO is against the U.S.... they are anxious to achieve a comprehensive and just peaceful settlement."

According to a purported text of the American plan published by an Israeli newspaper and reprinted in the Jordan Times Monday, Arab-Israeli negotiations are scheduled to start May 1. The purported

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## Shamir stalls vote on Shultz peace plan

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has blocked a cabinet decision on the U.S. Middle East peace initiative, and said he would try to persuade the Reagan administration to adopt changes in the plan when he visits Washington next week.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who has accepted the U.S. plan, demanded Sunday that the cabinet decide on the proposal before Shamir leaves for Washington. But sources said Peres apparently lacked the necessary support to push the issue to a vote.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz presented the plan to Shamir and Peres Friday at the end of a week of talks with leaders in the Middle East. Peres aides said Shultz asked for a response by March 15, a day after Shamir arrives in the United States.

A Shultz letter to Shamir outlining the U.S. plan was published Sunday in the Yediot Achronot newspaper. According to the March 4 letter, Shultz seeks agreement for the following proposals:

An international conference attended by the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council is convened two weeks before the start of direct bilateral talks, tentatively scheduled to start May 1.

In direct talks, Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation negotiate an interim arrangement for the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The interim solution will be in effect for three years, starting three months after the end of negotiations.

Talks on a final settlement begin seven months after the start of interim talks.

The letter said the international conference does not have the power to veto or impose agreements, but that the negotiating partners could refer back to it in as yet undetermined procedure.

The letter also said negotiations must be based on Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. Shamir, who opposes key elements of the plan, including the international conference and the timetable, said Sunday that Shultz had assured him the plan was not an ultimatum.

During his visit to Washington, Shamir said, he would try to persuade the Americans to adopt changes that "better serve our interests."

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## Spanish speaker finds urgent need for peace

By Najwa Najjar  
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AMMAN — The escalating Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza calls for "immediate steps" to be taken towards convening an international conference with an acceptable representation of the Palestinian people, Spanish Parliament Speaker Felix Pons said Monday.

Answering reporters' questions at a press conference Monday night before leaving for Egypt, Pons reaffirmed Spain's support for an international peace conference under United Nations auspices and attended by all concerned parties to the conflict. He welcomed as positive the new American proposal, which envisages an international conference.

During his stay in Jordan, Pons discussed Middle East peace efforts with His Majesty King Hussein, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Upper House Speaker Ahmad Lawzi and Lower House Speaker Akaf Fayez.

Pons, speaker of Spain's Lower House of Parliament, said he considers the aims of his visit to Jordan as fulfilled. "For me, this visit has shown the deep relations between the two countries and

has left the road open for the governments and institutions to work for the benefits of both people," he said.

Pons said efforts had succeeded in increasing the awareness of the Spanish people of what has been happening in the occupied territories. "What is important now is that the situation in the West Bank and Gaza has become known worldwide," he said.

He noted that Israeli violence against the Palestinians had had a serious effect on world opinion. "World opinion rejects the denial of human rights... the killing of Palestinians cannot continue."

Answering a question on his country's stand towards the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Pons said: "Spain accepts the PLO... we recognise it as the representative of the Palestinian people."

He said it was not up to Spain to say whether a PLO delegation or a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation should go to the international conference. "It is up to the Palestinians," he said.

Pons noted that the Americans had taken a step towards an international conference. "But since I do not know what is in the proposals it is difficult to give our impression," he said.

## Pakistan wants next move from Kabul in Geneva talks

GENEVA (Agencies) — Pakistan called on Afghanistan Monday to make the next move as U.N.-sponsored talks appeared deadlocked over the issue of the formation of a new government in Kabul.

Asked if any progress had been made at the session, which lasted less than two hours, Pakistani chief delegate Zain Noorani told reporters: "I do not have to make any progress. The other side has got to make progress."

Host to some three million Afghan refugees, Pakistan is insisting on a coalition to replace the present Soviet-backed regime to ensure that the Afghans go home after the withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops.

"We feel the formation of an interim government is as important as signing a treaty," Noorani, minister of state for foreign affairs, said Sunday night as he returned to Geneva from consultations with his government and opposition leaders.

However, his delegation has indicated the new government might not have to be installed before Pakistan signs an accord.

Abdul Sattar, secretary of the Pakistani Foreign Ministry, said in a television interview there was "the possibility of the agreements

being signed one day before or after progress has been achieved towards the establishment of a transitional government."

"If there is sufficient progress, if we are convinced that we are on the way to the establishment of the transitional government, then that, in itself, will influence Pakistan's decision in regard to the signing of the agreements," he said.

The Afghan government says it is willing to form a national reconciliation government, but Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil said it might not even be installed by the end of the Soviet Union's planned nine-month withdrawal.

Pakistani President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq says his country will not budge from its demand for an interim government in Kabul as part of a settlement of the Afghanistan problem, the Gulf News daily reported Monday.

But he told the English-language newspaper in an interview in Islamabad that he was optimistic that the proposed peace accord on Afghanistan would be signed on schedule.

"There is no question of the accord not going through. Allowing it to be dropped is no option," he said.



# Sudan blames Chad-Libya war for Darfur turmoil

**KHARTOUM (R)** — Robbers swapping their spears for Soviet-made rifles are claiming scores of lives in Sudan's "wild west" because of the flow of arms from neighbouring Chad, a Sudanese leader said Monday.

"In the old days people there used to steal while armed with spears. Now they use Kalashnikovs," Supreme Council member Ali Hassan Tajeddin told Reuters.

He said a surge in robberies in Darfur, a mainly desert area with a 600-kilometre-long border with Chad, was a side effect of the long-running strife in the former French colony.

Armed robberies had claimed scores of lives in recent weeks, rising at an alarming rate because of the flow of arms from Chad, Tajeddin said.

Severe droughts in 1984 and 1985 and a drought now gripping the region had encouraged more men to turn to robbery to support themselves, he said.

"If a permanent peace is brought about in Chad and the Chad-Libya war ends, things will change for the better and government controls on the possession of arms will be restored in Darfur," Tajeddin said.

"Only a solution of the Chad-Libya conflict can be the basis for the restoration of security in Darfur."

Tajeddin also said persistent local press reports that Libyan troops had infiltrated into Darfur were untrue. He said a Sudanese army brigade deployed in the region had orders to deal firmly with intruders.

Tajeddin, who in charge of African affairs in the five-man Supreme Council, Sudan's collective presidency, is a senior member of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's Umma Party and comes from Darfur.

He tried unsuccessfully last

**Mahdi holds talks in Algiers**

**ALGIERS (R)** — Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi held a second round of private talks with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid Monday, the national news agency APS said without giving details.

The two leaders held their first meeting shortly after Mahdi arrived in Algiers Sunday for a two-day visit, accompanied by Sudanese Foreign Minister Maamoun Sanad.

year to mediate a peaceful end to the Chad-Libya war.

**Foreign presence**  
His remarks coincided with fresh Khartoum press reports that foreign military forces involved in the Chad conflict were still in Darfur, which also borders Libya and the Central African Republic.

The reports, mainly by newspapers known to be sympathetic to the opposition National Islamic Front party, countered assertions by Mahdi and ministers belonging to his Umma Party that all foreign armed groups had left the country.

Interior Minister Sidahmad Al Hussein, not an Umma member, said last week the Libyan-backed Ibn Omar militia was active in Darfur and Chad government troops had crossed the border in search of the force.

The daily Al Sudani quoted a parliamentary deputy from Darfur Monday as saying he had seen about 3,000 soldiers from what he called neighbouring countries in the area. He did not say when.

Another daily, Al Ayam, said Sudanese troops had tightened their siege of fighters from Ibn Omar, which is fighting troops of the Western-backed government of Chad President Hissene Habre.

It quoted what it called an official source as saying the force infiltrated into Darfur last week after being repulsed by government troops in Chad. The militia had earlier been driven out of Sudan, it said.

Tajeddin, who visited Libya secretly a week ago to defuse a diplomatic crisis in relations with Sudan, said political parties were exploiting insecurity in Darfur.

"I would like to reconcile Chad and Libya. To do this Sudan must remain neutral," he said.

A deputy from National Islamic Front has claimed that Mahdi's Umma Party, known to have close links with Libya, struck a secret deal with Tripoli to allow the Ibn Omar militia the use of Sudanese territory.

Umma leaders angrily denied the charge and a parliamentary probe is expected to start soon.



Against a wall of painted-over graffiti, a young masked Palestinian takes aim at Israeli soldiers. One of the casualties in the 12-week-old Palestinian uprising is Israel's lucrative tourism industry.

## Iran admits firing at U.S. helicopters

**NICOSIA (Agencies)** — Iran said Monday its anti-aircraft forces fired warning shots towards U.S. navy helicopters in the Gulf Sunday, forcing them to flee.

The Iranian news agency IRNA, received in Cyprus, said Iranian navy radar operators detected the two helicopters approaching an Iranian zone and warnings were radioed to the Americans.

However IRNA, quoting an Iranian navy commander, said the helicopters ignored the warnings and entered the zone, prompting navy gunners to open up with warning shots.

The U.S. navy Sunday said the helicopters came under fierce barrage of machine-gun fire from an oil platform and boats in the central Gulf.

It said the helicopters were on routine reconnaissance over international waters 1.5 miles from the darkened platform when shooting broke out.

The captain of the USS Simpson, Commander James McTigue, told reporters that the helicopters were on a routine reconnaissance mission.

The helicopters, normally heavily armed on patrol, took evasive action during the three-minute attack and did not return fire, he said. The aircraft safely returned to their ships.

It was the second attack on U.S. forces in the Gulf in just over 24 hours.

Asked whether he sought permission to retaliate, McTigue said: "We were in communication with higher authorities. We were talking to our superiors."

He declined comment on whether he had been granted authority to order a strike on the platform.

McTigue said the helicopters were under control of the Simpson at the time of the attack and were flying ahead of the sleek guided-missile frigate, which was steaming north.

"The (helicopter) crew observed heavy machine gun fire... and small arms fire directed to the helicopters," he said.

"The fire from the platform was joined by fire from several unlighted boats in the area," he added. The boats were riding in rough, pounding seas.

Helicopter crewmen may have first realised they were under attack when they saw the flash of tracer bullets in the night sky, the captain said.

## Palestinian uprising takes its toll on tourism

**AMMAN (J.T.)** — The Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza is causing serious problems for Israel's tourist industry, with many intended visitors cancelling holidays, according to Hebrew press reports monitored by the London-based Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding (CAABU).

According to Ma'ariv, which reports a "drastic fall in Israeli hotel bookings for spring and Passover," Israeli Tourism Minister Abraham Shafir has prepared an "emergency plan designed to persuade tourists to visit Israel despite the recent events," the latest issue of the CAABU bulletin said. Israeli hoteliers "have also taken emergency steps in order to convince foreign travel agents and tourists that visitors are safe in Israel."

Davar cited the case of a group of 21 people from the United States who had planned to tour Israel, under Jewish Agency auspices, as the prelude to possible immigration. As the Palestinian rebellion escalated, however, members of the group cancelled their bookings, and eventually "there were no participants left."

Haaretz said that about half of a group of 30 Italian mayors had cancelled a visit to Israel and that a conference of twin-town mayors from Italy and Israel consequently faced cancellation.

## Israeli embassy sought to block senators' letter to Shultz

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Israeli embassy officials urged 30 U.S. senators not to send a letter to Secretary of State George Shultz criticising Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, according to an embassy source said.

The embassy "had reservations about the timing of the letter, but there is no way we could have prevented the letter from being written or sent," the source said Sunday.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israeli officials were concerned about the effect of the letter, which expressed full support for Shultz's plan to bring Israel, Jordan, Syria and Palestinians to a peace conference by May 1.

The 23 Democrats and seven Republicans said in the letter that they were dismayed that Shamir apparently had rejected the idea of giving up occupied territory to bring Middle East peace. The idea is a cornerstone of Shultz's latest Middle East peace proposal.

The senators noted in their letter, dated March 3, that Israel had in the past supported the idea of "land for peace" by returning the Sinai peninsula to Egypt. But they cited a statement quoted in the Feb. 26 New York Times in which Shamir said: "... This expression of territory for peace is not accepted by me."

"We hope that the prime minister's statement did not indicate that Israel is abandoning a policy that offers the best hope for long-term peace," the letter said.

Shultz, upon returning Saturday from the Middle East, expressed to criticism of Shamir's position, saying the prime minister and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres agreed that Israel's annexation of territory could be a topic for negotiations. Peres and his Labour Party have openly endorsed Shultz's proposals, while Shamir and his Likud bloc have not.

The letter was signed by some staunch supporters of Israel. They include Michigan Democrat Senator Carl Levin, Minnesota Republican Rudy Boschwitz, Massachusetts Democrat Ted Kennedy and California Democrat Alan Cranston.

Congressional sources said the letter was also intended to send a message to Shamir and his right-wing allies that they should be more flexible in their response to the new American initiative.

With Shamir known to be opposed to key points in the U.S. peace plan, including an international peace conference, the letter was seen as added pressure on the prime minister in advance of his trip to Washington March 14.

## Vassiliou sees Cypriot problem as simple

**NEW YORK (R)** — The newly-elected president of Cyprus has said in an interview that he would be willing to meet the prime minister of Turkey, which invaded the island in 1974, for talks

on creating a federated Cyprus. "I want that meeting. I'm ready to meet him at a place and time of his choice," George Vassiliou, who won last month's presidential run-off after introducing American-style election polling to the island nation, told this week's Newsweek magazine.

Vassiliou, a Hungarian-educated millionaire businessman, said he also had no objection to talks with Rauf Denktaş, president of the self-proclaimed Turkish republic of north Cyprus.

"We must not give the impression that a meeting solves problems by itself," he said. "We've made progress: we agreed that Cyprus would be federated, that there would be three Turkish ministers and seven Greek Cypriots, that the president would be Greek and the vice president, Turkish Cypriot."

"But that's the sauce. Where's the meat?" he asked. "We failed to make our case, to show to the world that the Cypriot problem is much simpler than it appears." "It's a basic problem of human rights," he said.

Vassiliou's objective of bringing the island's 460,000 Greek Cypriots and 120,000 Turkish Cypriots under one government coincides with a thaw between Ankara and Athens.

## 'Phantom ships' divert cargo to illegal Lebanese ports

By Ben Dobbin  
The Associated Press

**LONDON** — A fleet of "phantom ships" has illegally diverted more than \$30 million worth of international cargo, ranging from chick peas to steel, to militia-held ports in Lebanon in the last 19 months, according to a report released Monday.

The International Maritime Bureau, a division of the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce, said at least 14 cargo shipments destined mainly for Indian sub-continent ports have vanished in Lebanon since August 1986.

Seven or eight merchant vessels, usually disguised and manned by crews using false documents, have picked up the cargoes at mostly eastern Mediterranean ports, then diverted to at least three illegal, customs-free ports in Lebanon, it said.

There, the cargoes are sold to local operators and unloaded, with the ship crews apparently sharing the proceeds. The ships are often renamed and repainted and "take off again" on another cargo-stealing mission, said the bureau's director Eric Ellen.

"The trouble is you can't always identify the ships," Ellen said in an interview.

The small ports, located near Tripoli and Beirut, are controlled by independent militia groups. The cargoes tend to be easily disposed commodities like lentils and olive oil or construction materials, such as steel and plastics, he said.

One vessel, the 2,500-tonne Lima, docked in the right-controlled port of Ras Selaata south of Tripoli last May after picking up 1,000 tonnes of cocoa beans worth \$1.6 million in Ghana, West Africa. The stolen beans were supposed to have been sent

to the Egyptian port of Alexandria, the bureau said.

About 400 tonnes of the consignment later was intercepted by authorities being trucked through east Beirut, and its ownership is currently being argued over in court, it said.

Another 150,000-tonne cargo of steel bars being sent from Turkey to an unidentified eastern U.S. port went instead to Lebanon, the bureau said. One-quarter of the steel later was shipped to a small Spanish port on a vessel that had earlier diverted a different cargo to Lebanon. The ship has been seized by authorities pending a legal hearing.

"We are satisfied that cargo is ours," said one of the bureau's three investigative agents, who spoke on condition he was not identified.

Police and customs controls at the drop-off ports, including Che-

ka near Tripoli and Jieh south of Beirut, are non-existent and official paper work at the loading ports is minimal, he said.

"We call them phantom ships," he said. They go into loading ports, appearing legitimate with their falsified papers and wrong names, and arrange to transport and deliver a cargo. "The same ships are doing the same thing, again and again."

"It's very possible that there are smaller ships doing this and going into these ports," he said. "It goes unrecorded."

An almost identical cargo-deviation operation occurred at the same Lebanese ports in the late 1970s, the bureau said.

The six-year-old bureau is setting up a task force later this month to investigate the thefts and is appealing for financial and investigative aid from other shipping agencies, it said.

After a three-month operation expected to cost £80,000 (\$140,000), the bureau plans to identify the ships and their rogue crews.

It also will investigate reports that military arms have been secretly landed by the same ships.

The shipping companies losing their cargoes are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain insurance, Ellen said.

Most insurers have paid up for the losses but some have invoked technicalities in their policies which require companies to vouch for the financial viability of shipowners and others entrusted with their cargoes.

A series of deliberate ship sinkings in the Far East in 1978 were halted by a maritime industry inquiry, Ellen said.

"They came to a sudden halt as a result of an inquiry," he said. "We hope to do the same in Lebanon."

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14:15	Instruments
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15:00	Concert Hour
16:00	News Summary
16:05	Instruments
17:00	Pop Talk
17:30	Pop Session
18:00	News Summary
18:05	Top Twenty
18:30	Music
19:00	News Desk
19:30	Date with a Star
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21:00	News Summary
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21:30	News Summary
21:35	Evening Show Continued
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06:50	Reflections 06:50 Financial News 07:00
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### WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS	
EXHIBITIONS	
* An exhibition entitled "From Gothenburg to Electronics" at Goethe Institute (runs through March 8).	
* Art exhibition by Mahmood Taha at Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts (runs through 14/5/1988).	
* Book exhibition at the Comprehensive Commercial Centre (Tower Building), Jabbal Amman, 3rd Circle (permanent).	
* The 55th paintings exhibition at the British Council (until March 9).	
* Exhibition entitled "La terre entre vos mains" at the French Cultural Centre (until March 17).	
* Islamic book exhibition at Yarmouk University in Irbid (until March 14).	
* Exhibition of photos about Woodcut and typesetting in Germany at Mu'ta University in Karak (until March 15).	
* Book exhibition at Arabian Club, Irbid (runs through March 17) from 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
* Plastic art exhibition by the Yarmouk University Drawing Club at British Council.	
* "Fifth Caricature Exhibition" works of the late Nayy Al Ali at Hussein Camp Youth Activities Centre.	
VIDEOS	
* "Videos about environment at the French Cultural Centre (until March 15).	
FILM	
* "Heinrich" (German with English subtitles) at 8:30 p.m. at the Goethe Institute.	
CULTURAL CENTRES	
Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 6610607	
American Centre .. Tel. 641371	

### FOR THE TRAVELLER

QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	
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ARRIVALS	
ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)	
09:15	Agaba (RJ)
09:30	Kuwait (RJ)
09:30	Cairo (RJ)
10:15	Jeddah (RJ)
10:45	Doha, Bahrain (RJ)
10:50	Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
11:00	Larnaca (RJ)
11:00	Paris, Brussels (RJ)
11:05	Copenhagen, Frankfurt (RJ)
11:15	Istanbul (RJ)
11:30	Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RJ)
11:30	Rome (RJ)
11:40	Tripoli (RJ)
OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)	
13:30	Moscow (SU)
13:40	Bucharest (RO)
13:40	Kuwait (KU)
14:00	Tripoli (RJ)
14:00	Riyadh (SV)
14:30	Cairo (MS)
15:00	Rome (AZ)
15:15	Dubai (EK)
15:30	Zurich, Larnaca (SR)
16:30	London, Cairo (BA)
DEPARTURES	
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07:00	Agaba (RJ)
07:00	Rome (RJ)
10:00	Tripoli (RJ)
11:00	Venice, New York (RJ)
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12:00	Ginebra, London (RJ)
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13:00	Larnaca (RJ)
13:30	Kuwait (RJ)
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14:15	Cairo (RJ)
14:30	Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)
15:15	Damascus (RJ)
22:00	Bangkok (RJ)
OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)	
08:30	Beirut (ME)
14:50	Moscow (SU)
15:00	Kuwait (KU)
PRAYER TIMES	
04:33	Fajr
12:51	(Sunrise) Dhuhr
11:06	Dhuhr
15:07	Asr
17:42	Maghreb
19:00	Isha
MONEY EXCHANGE	
Monday rates	
Local sell/buy rates in Jds	
Belgian franc	95.27 / 97.2
Dutch guilder	177.2 / 181
French franc	38.8 / 40.1
Italian lire	27 / 27.6
Japanese yen (per 100)	261.3 / 266.6
Swedish crown	56.1 / 57.3
Swiss franc	240.2 / 245.5
U.K. sterling pound	597 / 606
U.S. dollar	336.7 / 342.4
W. German mark	196.8 / 203.2
WEATHER	
Buller's supplied by the Department of Meteorology.	
It will be cloudy and rainy, and light and variable winds will become southerly. In Agaba, it will be partly cloudy, with scattered thunder showers. Winds will be southerly moderate and rough sea.	
Amman .. Min./max. temp. 9 / 13	
Agaba .. 14 / 20	
Deserts .. 10 / 17	
Jordan Valley .. 12 / 20	
Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 15, Agaba 20. Humidity readings: Amman 82 per cent, Agaba 90 per cent.	

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

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## HOME BRIEFS

**CHILDREN:** Her Majesty Queen Noor will patronise a seminar on children's literature in Jordan which will be organised by the National Children's Education League in the Kingdom towards the end of March. A total of 15 working papers will be presented and reviewed at the seminar which is being organised in cooperation with the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF). The league whose honorary president is Queen Noor was established by NHF in 1986 with the aim of promoting services to children.

**EGYPTIAN TEAM:** An Egyptian agricultural delegation Monday visited Agricultural nurseries and stations in Irbid governorate and were briefed on their activities. These stations are involved in experiments for producing improved seeds, increasing cereal production and finding new strains of plants and crops. The delegation is visiting Jordan for talks on the prospect of setting up a Jordanian-Egyptian company for producing seeds.

**THIEVES CAPTURED:** Police in Sahab, near Amman, announced the capture of three thieves who used to break into homes and steal electrical appliances, cameras and video and television sets. A report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily quoted Sahab Police Director Ibrahim Arabiyat as saying that the search for the thieves began following complaints from local residents about thefts at their homes. One of the thieves was caught red-handed on March 3, and identified his two accomplices, which led to their arrest, according to the report.

**MAFRAQ DAMS:** A specialised team from the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) has embarked on a study on means to maintain dams and pools in Mafraq region to use the collected water for irrigation. A WAJ official said that the study covers the prospect of raising dam walls and building walls around pools. Mafraq district has six dams and 13 pools.

**VTC PROGRAMMES:** The Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) has started a programme of guiding students at the preparatory level towards choosing trades following their completion of their compulsory school stage. A VTC official said the programme entails explaining to the students all about trade courses at vocational centres for boys and girls.

**NEW CENTRE:** Final arrangements have been made for opening a centre for diagnosing the handicapped at the Social Workers College in Amman, college Dean Shabib Abu Jaber said. The centre, which will open its doors during this month will be working in close cooperation with a team of specialists from Al Hussein Medical Centre and the Health Ministry, Abu Jaber added.

**PEOPLE'S ARMY:** A new batch of people's army recruits graduated here Monday after completing a three month training course in the use of light arms. The graduates were male and female trainees at a vocational training centre in Balqa Governorate.

**BOOK ON RIOTS:** The first ever book on the bloody events of Mecca during the 1987 pilgrimage season, has just appeared in Jordan. The author, Dr. Ahmad Oweidi Abbadi, was one of the pilgrims performing the religious rites in the Holy City when the events took place. The 220-page illustrated book entitled "My Travels to Mecca" relates in detail the riots organised by Iranian pilgrims, and presents pictures of the tools and weapons used by Iranians to attack on other pilgrims and Saudi security men.

**SOCIETY IN SPAIN:** A new society for Jordanian expatriates living and working in Spain has been registered with the Ministry of Labour, according to Labour Ministry Expatriates Affairs Department Director Azmi Al Muhtaseb. He said that the society aims at maintaining contacts between expatriates in different parts of Spain and their homeland and also to promote cultural relation between Jordan and Spain.

**SSC COURSE:** The Social Security Corporation (SSC) has opened a training course for 25 new employees, to orient them on different skills related to SSC work. SSC Deputy Director General Issa Hanania, who opened the course, underlined the importance of training which he said provides employees with ability to deal with different SSC cases.

**JCO MEETING:** Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) Director General Mawid Al Tal Wednesday attends a meeting in Jerash to discuss the agricultural cooperative movement and its activities in Jerash district. The application of a five year plan for developing this movement will be the focus of this meeting.

**LESSER PILGRIMAGE:** The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs is currently making arrangements for Muslims from Palestinian territories occupied since 1948 to perform the Lesser Pilgrimage to Mecca. The ministry's Secretary General, Mashour Hmoud, said that the ministry has urged the Awqaf Department in occupied Jerusalem to request the would-be pilgrims to obtain valid permits until the end of this month, so that arrangements can be made for them to travel to Saudi Arabia.

**SEWERAGE PROJECT:** Work on a sewerage project for Karak, in southern Jordan, will hopefully be completed in two months, according to Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) Engineer Mahmoud Tahouni. During an inspection tour on the project, he said once the project is finished, the streets will be paved and levelled immediately, and WAJ will embark on a second phase to lay sewerage networks in the new Karak districts.

**PARIS TALKS:** Planning Ministry Secretary General will head the Jordanian side to the Joint Jordanian-French Technical Committee meeting, due to be held in Paris, France on March 14, to discuss means of developing and promoting bilateral cooperation in the fields of education, culture, science and telecommunications.

**MARKETING COURSE:** An eight week training course on basics of marketing starts at the University of Jordan's Technical Consultations and Services Centre Saturday. A 17-day course on library science and documentation will also start Saturday.

**CELEBRATION:** Ministry of Awqaf Assistant Secretary General Ahmad Hilayyel will head the ministry's delegation to the grand religious celebration which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Tuesday. The highlights of the event will be the inauguration of the Malaysian National Mosque and the Islamic Centre.

**MICROWAVES:** Telecommunications Corporation-Director General Mohammad Shahid Ismail next week leaves for Cairo where he will hold talks with Egyptian officials on implementing a microwave project between Jordan and Egypt.

**ANJARAH FESTIVAL:** Anjarah Secondary School for boys Monday held a cultural and sports festival during which lectures on different topics were made. Anjarah students carried out voluntary cleaning of mosques, streets and public squares.

**IRAQI ENVOY:** Jordanian-Iraqi cooperation in construction fields were discussed Monday by Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh and Iraq's Ambassador to Jordan Ghafel Jassem Hussein.

**CDD CEREMONY:** The Civil Defence Department (CDD) Monday held an honouring ceremony for a number of its officers who have recently been retired from service. CDD Director General Khaled Al Tarawneh presented meritorious gifts to the retired officers at the end of the ceremony.

**BOOK EXHIBITION:** Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh Tuesday opens a book exhibition on women at the Greater Amman Municipality Library, in cooperation with Forum Humanism. The week-long exhibition is on the occasion of the International Women's Day and includes books by Arab and Jordanian women writers, with a special section for children's books.

**ARID REGIONS:** A project to exploit semi-arid regions in Muwaqqar is being implemented by the University of Jordan's Faculty of Agriculture in cooperation with the European Community. University President Abdul Salam Al Majali and the dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Mahmoud Dweiri, Saturday visited the project and were briefed by its director Awni Tumeich on progress made, and steps so far achieved, towards carrying out the project.

**HANANIA:** The Jordanian Cardiology Society has elected Dr. Daoud Hanania to serve as head of its board of directors and elected board members to serve for the coming two years. The election came at a society general assembly meeting which also elected Dr. Fuad Deilani as vice president. Jordanian Medical Association President Mamdouh Abbadi attended the meeting.

## Queen to honour Arab women in occupied lands

**AMMAN (Petra)** — A ceremony under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday to honour Arab women in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, for their part in the current uprising against Israel's inhuman practices and oppression, according to an announcement here Monday.

The announcement said that the ceremony is part of Jordan's celebration of International Women's Day, a world anniversary observed on March 8.

To mark the occasion the Ministry of Social Development's

Women Affairs Department will organise a number of seminars and celebrations to highlight the role played by Arab women in social and economic development.

Acting in cooperation with a number of local organisations, the ministry will also organise a special book exhibition featuring the work of women in cultural and social fields.

The ceremonies, according to the statement, are designed to focus attention on Jordanian women's activities in urban, rural and badia regions.

## Ghandour praises King's continued support for RJ

**KARAK (Petra)** — The Royal Jordanian (RJ) Board Chairman Ali Ghandour Sunday praised His Majesty King Hussein's continued support for the national carrier.

"The Royal Jordanian is today considered one of the major institutions in the Arab World, and its operations are regarded as exemplary compared to other Arab airlines, thanks to His Majesty King Hussein's continued efforts," Ghandour said. RJ has also assumed a unique position within the civil aviation world, growing from a small regional airline into a major organisation, with a remarkable status on the map of international air transport, Ghandour said in a lecture delivered at Mu'ta University.

The national airline now operates flights to different world nations, and serves as an example for all other airlines of developing countries trying to achieve progress, he added.

"Through the Queen Alia International Airport and its modern facilities and services, RJ has been able to transform Amman into a major regional centre, serving world companies and international trade and tourism," Ghandour noted. Amman has become a gateway to the Middle East.

He said that today's modern world is indebted, to a large extent, to the presence of a modern network of communications and transport, which is instrumental to promote understanding and friendship among world nations, and develop their economies and tourism industries.

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Lower House of Parliament in session Monday (Petra photo)

## Parliamentarians fault JVA

## Rifai, admitting some violations, criticises 'irresponsible' remarks

By Nermeen Murad  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

**AMMAN** — Parliamentarians criticised the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) Monday, during a regular meeting of the Lower House of Parliament, for alleged misconduct in land appropriation by some government officials.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, criticised the "irresponsible generalisations" made by certain members of parliament over the issue, but admitted that there "may have been some violations."

The Prime Minister added that

there have been investigations by the government and it was found that in the cases where there were violations, they were "self initiated by certain people who took upon themselves to see things the way they wanted to."

Rifai stressed that these inci-

dents were "rare and not the norm and should be treated as such." Rifai invited members of the House to check the names of land owners in the Jordan Valley to verify these statements.

The Prime Minister told the House that there were over 5,000 agricultural units owned by over 5,000 different farmers.

Parliamentarian Laith Sbeilat, accused the Jordan Valley Authority of "giving land to people who do not deserve it, usually non-farmers." He added that the Jordan Valley has become the "countryside for people with money or government officials who spend their weekends

there and do not have any connection to farming." Sbeilat asked the JVA to provide a list of the names and a study of how the agricultural units were allocated.

House Member Rizk Bataineh, agreed with the "principal of the accusations," but he added that the agricultural units allocated to the wrong people have now become their "acquired right" and cannot be taken from them.

Bataineh called upon the government to "order a study into the allegations, and find out where there have been violations, with an aim of finding solutions (Continued on page 5)

## Jordan seeks protection for Arab workers under occupation

**BAGHDAD (Agencies)** — Jordan's delegation to the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) meeting here has requested the participants to discuss the condition of Arab workers in the Israeli-occupied Arab territory, and means of providing them with protection against Israel's arbitrary measures.

The delegation, led by Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat, called on international organisations to help stop Israel's repressive measures against Arab workers.

Addressing the opening session, Ureikat also renewed Jordan's total support for Iraq in its defence of Arab territories, and urged Arab and Islamic countries to extend all possible assistance to Iraq to repel aggression.

## Ceramic exhibition highlights richness of culture in new, contemporary format

By Meg Abu Hamdan  
Special to the Jordan Times

**AMMAN** — Starting a new season of exhibitions, by some of Jordan's most creative and stimulating artists at the Jordan National Gallery this week, is an exhibition of the latest ceramic work of Mahmoud Taha.

Taha is one of the very few local artists to have exhibited his work twice in the prestigious National Gallery and back in 1980 when he held his first show there the space was dominated by huge immaculately crafted spheres often split to show the mysteries of their cores and by large medallions and jars. It was an exhibition not just of ceramics but also of the volumes they created.

The almost two dimensional quality of this present show is thus a sharp contrast. Hung like

paintings, Taha's ceramic wall tiles with their Hessian frames are supplemented by large shallow bowls, whose restrained designs and coolly glistening glazes act as a foil for the complex interweaving patterns and multifarious textures of the tiles.

## ART REVIEW

Using calligraphy, Islamic decorative designs and architectural motifs as individual elements, Taha builds up the surface of his tiles like a collage. By juxtaposing contrasting glazes and similar shapes one with another he achieves a delicately balanced harmony in these pieces that is both rich and satisfying.

Smooth blue glazes edge indented areas of stippled clay burnished to deep brown, while glossy black glazes, through which magentas peep, flow under glazes

of the palest beige. Deep mottled green arches rise to nudge heavy and imposing kufic on which in turn stars and crenellations rest. A master of glazes, Taha has used their soft and subtle tones to successfully unify not only the different ideas and feelings within each piece but each individual work with all the rest.

More rational and less emotional than his earlier spheres although perhaps less exciting initially, Taha with these wall tiles has achieved a more relevant and significant form of expression. He has successfully, where so many have failed, employed the richness of his own heritage and culture in a new and contemporary format, that is at once rigorous and well disciplined.

There is a feeling that each element is exactly where it should be, nothing disturbs and like Islamic design itself there are no

lapses into easy organic sprawl. This tightness and control along with Taha's experience, unique aesthetic judgement and above all his excellent craftsmanship lend these works a timeless enduring quality that ensure them a place as modern classics.

The bowls are also classics of their kind. Reminiscent of some of the earliest examples of Islamic ceramics from the ninth century, their designs incorporate a great purity of line, a Spartan simplicity that both dissects and enhances the circles in which they are set.

Traced in tones a shade or two deeper than the background glaze, these designs seem to float enticingly under the surface of the bowl, like exotic fish beneath the silvery sheen of the sea.

The exhibition of Mahmoud Taha can be seen in the upper exhibition space of the Jordan National Gallery until March 14.

## Meeting with Shultz still valid, Bethlehem mayor says

By Sa'd G. Hattar  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

**AMMAN** — Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij Monday said a "suggestion" was still valid for Palestinian personalities in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, to meet with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in Cairo or any other Arab capital.

Freij, who is slated to leave for the West Bank Tuesday following talks with Jordanian officials here, made it clear that the suggestion was being carefully studied "in coordination with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The Bethlehem mayor blamed "the absence of PLO green

light," for the failure to hold a proposed meeting between Palestinian dignitaries and the U.S. secretary during his recent peace-seeking tour of the Middle East.

"Shultz came to the region carrying a defined project. He met governments of the region. In what capacity we were supposed to meet him without the consent of the organisation," Freij told the Jordan Times in a telephone interview.

He said his talks with Minister of Occupied Territories Marwan Doudin and Planning Minister Taber Kana'an covered topics related to development projects in Bethlehem.

## Jordan to observe Dental Health Day tomorrow

**AMMAN (Petra)** — Dental caries have been on the increase over the past few years among members of the public in general, and school children in particular, which calls for intensified campaigns to orient children on means of caring for their teeth, the Jordanian Dentists Association (JDA) President Walid Maraqa said Sunday.

He said that people ought to be oriented on the best means of caring for their teeth, "because care, which has little cost, is better than cure which costs a great deal of money."

For this reason, Maraqa said, the JDA has been organising educational programmes in dental care, through the information media in Jordan, and has been involved in providing lectures at schools, run by the Ministry of Education and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

To highlight the importance of dental care, JDA will organise a Dental Health Day in Jordan on Wednesday in observance of the Arab Dental Health Day, Maraqa noted.

He said activities on that day will be organised in cooperation with the Ministries of Education and Health and local organisations.

On April 6 the JDA will host the meetings of the Higher Council of the Arab Dental Federation in Amman, to discuss programmes on health care for Arab countries.

The Baghdad-based federation, which was established in 1968, groups dental unions in Arab countries.

## Oman to host housing fair

**ABU DHABI (Petra)** — Following the success of a housing exhibition in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) it was decided that a similar exhibition will be held in Oman in July.

The decision was announced by the Deputy Director General of the Housing Bank, Abdul Qader Dweik, who headed a Jordanian delegation to the exhibition already held in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Speaking at a meeting to assess the outcome of the exhibition, Dweik said Jordanian expatriates recommended that more such exhibitions be held in Gulf countries, to orient Jordanian expatriates on prospects of owning homes in Jordan.

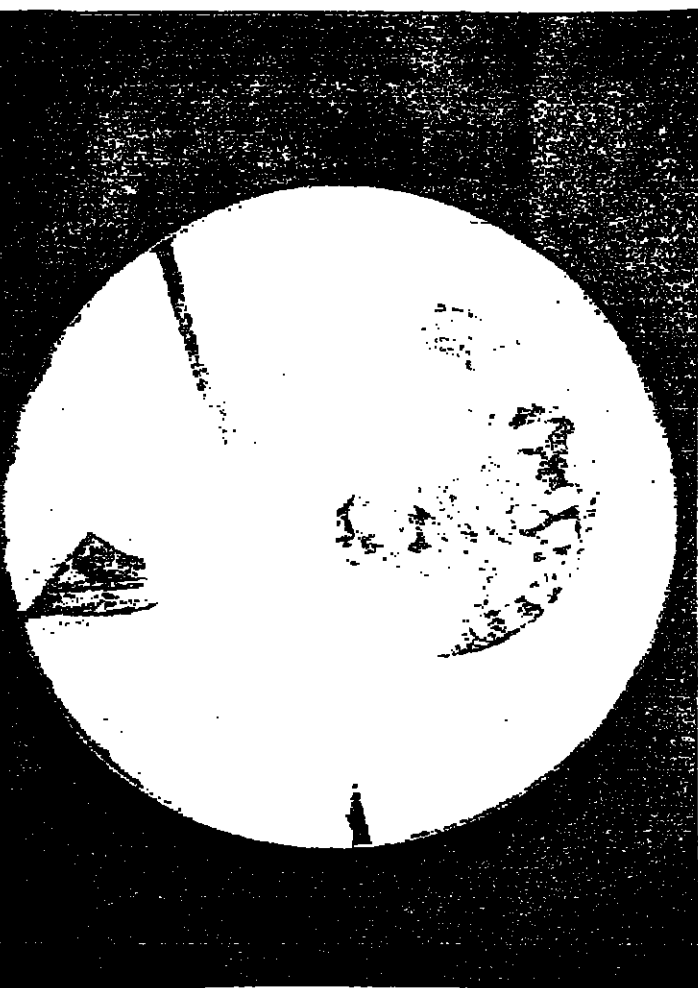
The exhibition was organised by the Housing Corporation and the Housing Bank in cooperation with 35 Jordanian construction companies.

**ZARQA (J.T.)** — Zarqa police last year dealt with a total of 5,518 cases of which there were eight murders, according to police department director in Zarqa Colonel Abdul Hamid Isheid.

Quoted by Al Ra'i Arabic daily, Isheid said that the 1987 cases included 171 thefts or robberies, 27 cases of fraud, and that these

included 599 cases in which juveniles were involved.

Isheid said that a 50 dunam land has been purchased for setting up a new headquarters for the Public Security Department in Zarqa, and that several security centres will be set up to take the place of the local police stations.



Two of the ceramic works of the artist Mahmoud Taha which are on display at the Jordan National Gallery



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## The lesson of history

THE hand grenade thrown at Israeli troops by Palestinians in the West Bank village of Idna Monday is an important sign of which way the wind is blowing. The Palestinian uprising has been a relatively non-violent affair during the past three months, in the sense that the Palestinians have largely thrown stones and burned tires. The violence used by the Israeli occupation forces, resulting in over 85 Arab deaths and thousands of injuries and arrests, could not have been expected to remain unanswered. The hand grenade attack is probably the first sign of the willingness and the ability of the Palestinians to step up the nature of their struggle for national rights.

While an escalation of the violence on both sides is bound to result in harsher Israeli tactics and a rising death toll, an honest reading of both history and human nature would suggest that such a trend is inevitable. For what did the Israelis expect from the Palestinians? Surrender? Docile acquiescence?

It is striking how the dynamics of the Zionist-Palestinian conflict are returning to the original elements of the struggle which characterised the problem at the beginning of this century: Local clashes between an Israeli population bent on control of the land, and resistance by a Palestinian population determined to remain in its ancestral land and to exercise its inalienable right to freedom, dignity and national self-expression. The increased resistance of the Palestinians is generating more frenzied and irrational Israeli responses, including news blackouts, demolition of houses, mass arrests and curfews, collective punishments, and a crescendo of violence that has been projected on television screens around the world. It was inevitable, we believe, that the Palestinians would not forever restrain their protests and only use sticks and stones. And it is perhaps ironic that the Israelis are learning that their overwhelming military power is totally inappropriate for dealing with the mass uprising. This was the lesson of Vietnam: That an indigenous population armed with basic weapons and a strong national will, and willing to confront the enemy and to die if necessary, would triumph in the end. The lesson is being learned again by the Israelis in Palestine.

## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra'i: Summit unified Arab ranks

THE Arab summit held in Amman last November succeeded in placing the Arabs as a united front, face to face with challenges and dangers posed to their nation and their existence. It also succeeded in mobilising Arab countries' efforts in taking a joint stand vis-a-vis the Arab-Israeli conflict which has plagued the Arab Nation over the past four decades. But above all, the summit unified the Arabs on the need to work for a just and durable peace that would bring the nation, security and stability based on an international conference that can ensure success of all Arab endeavours in this direction. King Hussein has reaffirmed this point to the speaker of Spanish parliament Felix Pons. The King also explained the Jordanian initiatives in Western Europe whose leaders have expressed support for the Arab Nation's just rights and a comprehensive solution for the Palestine problem. Jordan, and the rest of the Arab countries, continue to seek European help towards the establishment of peace which is as essential to the Arabs as it is to the European nations. The King said that Europe along with all the concerned parties including the PLO should take a leading part in the peace process.

### Al Dustour: Shamir stalling

IT seems that the Israeli government is doing all it can at present to undermine the U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's initiative to find a solution for the Arab-Israeli problem; and the latest statements by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir tend to indicate to that direction. Israel, according to observers, is trying hard to stall for time with the hope of making Shultz's initiative void of its content, and place the U.S. administration in an embarrassing situation unable to deal with the problem, specially in view of the approach of the end of its mandate. The more delays in implementing Shultz's initiative, the better for Israel because time is running out for the U.S. administration which one way or another will be involved in the coming presidential elections. The delay will eventually detract Washington's attention from the Middle East and weaken the U.S. role in Arab-Israeli affairs. Shamir Sunday announced that he was taking his time to respond to Shultz's plan, and said that a final answer could be given after his coming visit to Washington. Our experience with Israel proves that its leaders tend to stall for time and so force world community and the superpowers to miss the chance for establishing genuine peace.

### Sawt Al Shaab: King reaffirms Jordan position

KING Hussein Sunday reaffirmed Jordan's firm stand with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict, and said that the Amman summit unified the Arabs in their demand for an international conference to resolve the problem. In his meeting with Felix Pons, the speaker of the Spanish parliament, King Hussein stressed that Jordan's current diplomatic offensive is aimed at convening that conference which should be attended by all concerned parties as well as the PLO. This reaffirmation echoes Prime Minister Zaid Rifai's earlier statements on this question and on the need of involving Spain through the European Community in resolving this problem. Jordan is seeking help from Spain and the other European countries to establish a just and durable peace in our region, and end Israel's occupation of Arab territory. Spain, as a friendly nation to the Arabs, has supported the Arab cause because it believes that Israel continues to block efforts and continues to prevent the establishment of peace. Spain considers the current Arab uprising in the occupied lands as a reaction to the long years of sufferings and oppression.

# Numbers that anger the West, Israel

By Edward W. Said

WASHINGTON — In a society dominated by the ideology of facts and figures it is often forgotten how only the interpretation of these facts and figures is what matters, not the bare statistics themselves. In 1986, for example, the Kenyan scholar Ali Mazrui, who is a distinguished professor of political science at the University of Michigan, presented a series of nine programmes about the Africans on American television; these programmes were originally produced for the BBC, but were shown here because they were considered to be timely and interesting. Although they were scholarly and on the whole rather dry, the programmes attracted a good deal of attention and controversy, partly because Mazrui attacked the colonial legacy and praised the Islamic legacy, and partly because the very notion that a black man presenting Africa without any supervision or intervention by whites was, to many people, extremely difficult to deal with. Nevertheless, a small but, in my opinion, quite fascinating aspect of the debate about Mazrui's programmes concerned his figures for the number of people killed during the building of the Suez Canal and by the French in the course of the Algerian War of Independence, 1954-62.

Part of the attack on Mazrui in general was, of course, ideological. He was thought to have been blaming the European powers who raided, controlled and underdeveloped Africa during the period of imperialism, for many of the enormous problems

— famine, poverty, corruption, etc. — of today's new independent African nations. This supposition by some of Mazrui's critics was also presented as a defence of Western civilization, which in its centuries of exploiting the non-European world was believed at the same time to be bringing light into the darkness. But when Mazrui commented on how even the great schemes to advance world progress (the Suez Canal being a leading example) he was able to show that the cost to Africans was very great indeed. This did not please the television critic of the *New York Times* who accused Mazrui of, among other things, using inflated figures. I do not recall the exact number here, but I think that Mazrui said that 20,000 Egyptians died during the building of the Canal, whereas John Corry, the *Times*'s critic, said that only 10,000 had perished.

Taken in isolation this claim by Corry seems to be an accusation by an enlightened Western intellectual of a wayward non-Western propagandist, who was trying to use fraudulent figures: (a) to make people feel sorry for the present poverty of Africa, thus turning blame away from Africans themselves, (b) to make Westerners feel guilty for what they did in the past, thus driving some Westerners to new anti-Western excesses. Immediately of course the whole question of how many Egyptians actually died well over 120 years ago is transformed into a political issue in the present. In another context, Corry would have become

furious at any one even trying to suggest that "only" so many million Europeans had died during World War I, or that only so many Americans had died during the Vietnamese War. There is supposed, quite rightly, to be matter of decency that sets limits to discussions of numbers of dead or injured, specially when large-scale catastrophes are at issue. But, one discovers, that is only true when it is Westerners who die, not when non-Europeans are at issue. And the fact that the television critic of a major newspaper like the *Times* allowed himself this particular attack on Mazrui's figure suggests that there is widespread acceptance of the proposition that Black (or at any rate non-Western) casualties can be disputed, whereas Western ones cannot be.

One other example is worth mentioning. A short time ago I wrote an article for a well-known magazine on an early travel book by the celebrated French writer Andre Gide. The book was in fact a sort of private journal of Gide's journey's through Tunisia and Algeria during the first few years of this century, and it was interesting not because it had anything to say about Algeria or Tunisia but because it recorded some of his thoughts, his fantasies, and one or two unusual experiences. In the course of my article I mentioned that Gide wrote at a time when the French occupation of Algeria had already been in effect for over 75 years, and that in the process very severe hardships had been visited on the Algerians. I cited historic-

al sources showing that during the first 15 years of the occupation the population of the city of Algiers had been cut in half, and that many villages and tribes had been exterminated. Gide of course does not mention any of this. Nevertheless the editor of the magazine that was printing my article thought that it would be better to check on my figures. First the Algerian embassy was asked; my findings and statistics were confirmed. Then, as if to cover all the options, two well-known Orientalists — one of them an Israeli — were asked. Both said that the figures were "exaggerated." Of course I was angry, and threatened to withdraw my article.

Nowhere is the controversy over statistics and facts more heated than over the Palestinians, especially now as the insurrection (*al-intifadah*) proceeds into its third consecutive month. A striking pattern in the controversy has now become clear. So far as the past is concerned, numbers are usually not cited by the Zionists (for example, the number of Palestinians in 1948 Palestine, versus the number of Jews, or the amount of land owned by Jews versus the amount of land owned by Arabs). The reason is clear: Citing statistics about history tends to favour the Palestinian argument. For the present, however, Zionist propaganda usually cites a great deal of figures. Thus, to mention two quite different examples, in recent accounts of the "unrest" in Gaza, Israeli information usually notes how the

infant mortality rate has decreased since the occupation in 1967, or how the statistics for earnings and schooling have risen impressively. Of course these figures are cited out of context, so that the casual reader would think that the condition of the Palestinians has become better because of the occupation, whereas by comparison with the statistics for the Jewish sector — never mentioned in this context — Palestinian statistics are considerably less impressive.

The other example concerns casualties. It is by now a well-known axiom that a very small number of Israeli Jewish casualties is made to seem more dramatic than literally hundreds of Arab deaths. So far, during the *intifadah* over 50 Palestinians have been killed, but they appear to be "only" 50, yet if a much smaller number of Israelis is killed their number appears to be a great deal larger. The worst case of this sort occurred in 1982 when perhaps the most vulgar and unashamedly racist Israeli apologist in America, Martin Peretz who owns the *New Republic* magazine, went to Lebanon and followed the Israeli army on its course throughout the south and into the outskirts of Beirut. He then produced an article claiming that the casualties — the actual number of corpses — that he saw were much less than all the other reporters, the Red Cross, and the Lebanese authorities claimed. No one except perhaps Peretz would go to such disgusting lengths to prove the accuracy of "statistics," but he did it in order to prove the humanity and purity of the Israeli army.

Most recently the question of the Palestinian people has been very much in the news, although it is less as people than as "a demographic problem" that they have been most frequently characterised by American commentators. The argument put forward by Zionists of the Left and Right is that because Palestinians are increasing in number at a faster rate than Jews, there is likely to be equality in the Jewish and Arab populations within 12 years. This fact necessitates urgent consideration of the problem of the occupied territories. As sheer figures, therefore, the Palestinian people whose sufferings at the hands of Israel since 1948 have been deep and terrible, have become what many Israelis now call a demographic "time-bomb." The irony is that there seems to be little awareness that Palestinians, like Jews and others, are perfectly capable of feeling injustice, anger and political resentment at their fate as a marginal, rightsless people, yet to some Israelis and Americans it is only as numbers that they represent anything worth thinking about, even as the heroic protests continue on the occupied territories and elsewhere. How extraordinary that the Jews, a people who were often treated as mere statistics by their enemies have now dehumanised another people, and turned this people into a set of "demographic" facts and figures. In the process such a transformation eliminates the political claims of the Palestinians, leaving them only at the level of impersonal numbers that disturb the peace of the Jewish state — Arab News.

## 'Super Tuesday' — watershed in U.S. race

By Alexander G. Higgins

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican and Democratic candidates for U.S. president face their biggest test on Tuesday as voters in 20 of the 50 states help trim the field in preparation for the November elections.

Vice President George Bush has been leading in polls over Sen. Robert Dole, his chief rival for the Republican nomination. And the Democratic race has narrowed — at least for the moment — to Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson.

But national polls are indicating that Richard Gephardt could re-emerge among the Democrats in subsequent weeks, with Jackson fading as he moves outside his political base in the south. "Super Tuesday" is the name given March 8, when the Democratic Party in 20 states and one territory hold primary elections or "caucuses," which are local meetings. The Republican Party will have primaries or caucuses in 16 states.

The style of campaigning has suddenly changed, from the personal, hand-shaking encounters of earlier contests to whirlwind flights from stop to stop that can leave candidates unsure of where they are. Television commercials are also playing a larger role as candidates are less able to court voters in person.

Working for a crowd

Dole, the wit of the race, has joked that he has been reduced to going up in an airplane to look for gatherings of voters.

"Look, there's a crowd over in Mississippi. Let's go there," or "there are 50 people in a parking lot in Rhode Island. Let's land

there." Although the area to be covered is much larger, the field of candidates has already been narrowed by earlier contests. Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig was the first to drop out of the Republican race after a poor showing in the first major event, the Feb. 8 Iowa caucuses.

After the Feb. 16 New Hampshire primary, Republican Pierre du Pont and Democrat Bruce Babbitt gave up. Democrat Paul Simon has curtailed his campaigning because of a shortage of funds, but remains in the race.

Besides Bush and Dole, the Republican field is completed by Jack Kemp and Pat Robertson. Six Democrats remain, including Gephardt, Albert Gore, and Gary Hart.

Bush, President Ronald Reagan's vice president, is given the best chance on "Super" Tuesday, partly because voting is concentrated in southern states, where he is popular.

Dole, leader of the Republican minority in the U.S. Senate, is Bush's strongest challenger nationally, but in the conservative south, former television evangelist Robertson could eclipse him.

Both Bush and Dole in general advocate a continuation of Reagan's policies. Robertson would move farther to the right, especially on domestic issues.

Bush leading Republicans

A poll by the CBS broadcasting network and The New York Times this week found Bush had support of 44 per cent of those surveyed in 14 states in the south and adjacent "border" region. Dole had 20 per cent and Robertson 12 per cent.

Kemp, a congressman who has

led the fight for tax cuts and giving aid only to countries friendly to the United States, had only 3 per cent.

Regionalism still plays a large role in U.S. politics, much of it stemming from hostilities lingering from the civil war of the 1860s, when the southern confederates fought the union "Yankees" of the northeast.

Jackson, the only black in the race, has been doing well in public opinion surveys in the south, which has large black minorities. The CBS-Times poll showed 21 per cent supporting him, compared with 14 per cent for Dukakis and 12 per cent for Gore.

Gore, a senator from the border state of Tennessee, has virtually skipped Iowa and New Hampshire and concentrated on the south. His strategy was based on doing so well in the regional voting that he could overtake whoever emerged victorious from the earlier primaries.

Gore, who has tailored his stands to appeal to the more conservative voters in the south, has said his support is gaining as Super Tuesday approaches even though he has been lagging in the polls.

Dukakis leads Democrats

Dukakis, governor of the northern state of Massachusetts, has been doing surprisingly well

in the south, where some analysts had thought he would be seen as too far to the left. He has been promoting his tax and business-incentive ideas to encourage economic growth.

Gephardt, who won in Iowa and came second to Dukakis in New Hampshire, had 10 per cent in the CBS-Times poll. Gephardt is a congressman who campaigns on the need to force other countries to drop trade barriers.

The voting on Super Tuesday will be for the candidates, but the parties also are using the outcome to determine which delegates to send to next summer's conventions. The delegates at the convention will select one Democratic and one Republican nominee for the general election Nov. 8. Any candidate who has the support of half the delegates going into the conventions can be assured of the nomination.

With about one third of the convention delegates at stake on Super Tuesday, the winners of each party's race could go far toward gaining the nomination. Fewer than 10 per cent of the delegates have been chosen so far. The races are close, but Dukakis leads the Democrats, followed by Gephardt, Simon, Jackson, Gore and Hart.

The Republican delegate count has Bush in front, followed by Dole, Kemp and Robertson.

## OPEN FORUM

### 'Bridges too far'

AS WE drive around Amman in circles, we are becoming more and more aware of the pitfalls of the detours and but we are also forgetting what brought us to this state of affairs in the first place.

The Greater Amman Municipality, in its efforts to beautify Amman and bring it to the high level efficiency it envisions for the capital, has forgotten to keep us informed on the development of the long-awaited bridges.

Every morning, most of the capital's residents blindly drive to their work without ever questioning why we are still playing "know your city," and haven't yet reached the higher level of the game, which is "know the rooftops of your city."

Those lucky enough to be cheerful when they wake up in the morning, slowly forget their happiness while they are driving to work; for the detours are getting worse and worse, especially after this winter's plentiful rainfall.

As residents get angrier and angrier on their way to work, they seem to forget that there is a good reason behind the misery: The bridges which are meant to solve all traffic problems in the capital.

As the years pass by, we hear less and less about these bridges, as the Greater Amman Municipality has failed to let us know when our "detours nightmare" will end.

So please, take pity on us, and let us know when we are going to bridge the bridges.

Nermeen Murad

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## Women playing vital role in Palestinian uprising

By Dan Fisher

BEIT SAHUR, Israeli-occupied West Bank — The young Palestinian mother stood with her two-year-old son in her arms on the rooftop of her apartment building here watching the girls and women of Beit Sahur do their part for *Al Intifadeh* — the uprising.

An athletic-looking high school girl with a grapefruit-sized rock in her throwing hand bound like a young deer toward the stone and scrap-metal barricade blocking the village's main road and shouted encouragement to her fellow demonstrators. "There's only one jeep full of soldiers. Don't worry."

At the roadblock, the high-schooler joined a woman old enough to be her grandmother, whose underhand rock-throwing style was not nearly as effective as the youth's but who exhibited no less enthusiasm.

Fifty yards behind the barricade a knot of about 30 more women chanted and sang, like cheerleaders at a college football game. "Israel, No. Palestine, Yes." They shouted in unison. "A stone has become a Kalashnikov."

About then, the young mother, who identified herself only as Thuria, leaned close to her son and made her contribution to the cause. "Listen to these songs," she instructed the toddler. "You have to learn them."

The demonstration in Beit Sahur was one of unknown scores of protests that occur every day on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip but which aren't publicised either by the Israeli army or the media.

It was particularly instructive for two reasons. First, it was one of those relatively rare occasions when a Western correspondent was on hand to observe the demonstration from start to finish. And second, it was a case study in the various roles that girls and women have come to play in the uprising which has rocked the occupied territories since Dec. 9. As evidenced in this mostly Christian Arab village of 6,000 people just east of Bethlehem, intelligence, morale, harassment, and diversion are the women's primary specialities in the uprising, with direct combat a secondary concern.

Everyone was primed for ac-

tion when a correspondent arrived at the town's Greek Orthodox Church shortly after 9 in the morning. As worshippers sang hymns inside, several dozen local high school boys and girls gathered in the church courtyard.

The youths were outwardly calm. "We used to be afraid in the beginning," one conceded. "But not any more."

"Every Sunday, we have like this," a middle-aged Beit Sahur woman explained later. "And also on Friday."

As services ended at about 9:30, a dozen women, mostly in their teens and 20s, started chanting in the street just outside. One of the ringleaders — a short, English speaking brunette — had told the correspondent moments before the Palestinians weren't interested in the latest U.S. attempt to mediate some kind of Middle East peace settlement.

"We won't take anything from the United States," she said scornfully. "We want our land. We want all Palestine."

"Gather around, gather around," the women sang, clapping in cadence. "Don't be

afraid. Men of Beit Sahur: Come to the square." The crowd built slowly, and a tall, thin youth with a kaffiyeh masking his face emerged from an alley carrying a Palestinian flag on the end of a bamboo stick.

Shouting "glory to our martyrs." The crowd, now numbering about 100 and still predominantly female, followed the tall youth through the narrow streets of the village toward the main road.

As they marched, other masked youths blocked side roads with stones and scrap metal, and several girls went ahead to act as scouts.

By the time they reached the main road, about 30 young men were in the lead. They picked up stones as they approached a spot near the entrance to town marked by sooty stains on the pavement as the site of several previous demonstrations.

Two or three had slingshots which they used for increased range, but still their stones fell short of a squad of Israeli soldiers that had taken up positions behind an old blue Volkswagen at a

nearby intersection.

Whenever the youths seemed to tire of the standoff, the women behind would start shouting again, inspiring a new fusillade of stones.

Watching from her rooftop, Thuria recalled that she had learned many of the same songs and chants of the demonstrators when she was a schoolgirl. She escaped the nearby Dehaishe refugee camp where most of her family still lives when she married, she said. Two of her three brothers are in prison for anti-Israeli activity and another was expelled by the military authorities several years ago, she said.

Finally, the Israeli army had enough. Reinforcements arrived, one squad began a flanking manoeuvre and another started walking, rifles at the ready, toward the demonstrators.

"Come here, come here." A few of the teen-age girls taunted in Hebrew. But they quickly disappeared into the narrow village side streets, just like the stone-throwing boys before them.

"We're trying to keep them busy so the young men can get

away," explained one girl.

When the troops ventured into the side streets, more women converged on them.

One, who identified herself as 66-year-old Janila, taunted the troops by shouting repeatedly into their faces: "God is great. God is great."

Another chimed in: Palestine is our land.

The clearly frustrated soldiers would start to walk away, inspiring even more taunting until they would return, trying to push the women into their houses and getting into loud shouting matches with them. Both the soldiers and the women knew the Israelis would not use real force against them, particularly with several photographers on hand recording the incident.

"You're having a really good time, I suppose." One angry soldier yelled at a cameraman.

Another soldier cocked his automatic rifle menacingly, and a third fired one shot in the air when women surrounded him. But that was all, and the women were not deterred — Los Angeles Times.

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### Jordan sees positive elements

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plan does not refer to Palestinian "self-rule" but to bilateral talks between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. It also says that there will be similar negotiations between Israel and other parties involved in the Middle East conflict.

Khasawneh reiterated Jordan's commitment to the Arab demand for an international peace conference to be attended by the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and with the participation of all parties concerned, including the PLO, on the basis of U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338.

Political analysts here believe that Jordan hopes that the American government will move closer to the Arab stand.

Asked about an Algerian-Tunisian call for an extraordinary Arab summit to discuss the Palestinian uprising, Khasawneh said: "We have not received a formal invitation to attend such a summit, but it is our principled stand to support Arab consensus and Arab summits."

Asked by the Jordan Times what the Jordanian position would be if the Palestinian people believe that the American initiative falls short of achieving their legitimate national rights, Khasawneh said: "Jordan will never relinquish (Palestinian rights) or act according to a logic which encroaches (upon these rights) but it will always act with the aim of safeguarding the Palestinians' legitimate rights on the basis of Resolutions 242 and 338."

### Shamir stalls cabinet vote

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"The timetable the Americans have established is not something holy that you can't touch," Shamir said on Israel Television. "Israel, after all, is still a sovereign state."

Shamir also expressed doubts that "serious negotiations" could be conducted as long as violent anti-Israeli protests continued in the occupied territories.

Shamir, head of the right-wing Likud bloc, said he would ask the cabinet to vote on the issue once he returns from Washington.

But Peres, Shamir's political rival in a fragile coalition government, demanded a vote before

Shamir's trip. "There is no reason for us not to make a decision. Not deciding means rejecting the plan," said Peres, head of the Labour Party.

The cabinet met Sunday to discuss the Shultz plan, and was divided along party lines, with Labour demanding a decision before Shamir's departure, and Likud calling for a postponement until the prime minister's return.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Labour told Israel Radio that if the government rejected the plan, "at least another year will pass until the next opportunity comes, if it comes at all."

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### Shultz proposal prompted by revolt

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used to attack the Iranian capital, Tehran, but admitted that there has been "an ongoing military cooperation between the Soviet Union and Iraq before the beginning of Iran-Iraq war."

Commenting on Shultz's proposal for Middle East negotiations, Giavandof said that the "messages" carried by Shultz mainly rotated around the idea of land for peace, and to the Soviet mind this means that "Israel has to withdraw from all occupied Arab land."

Giavandof added that Shultz's peace letter, published by an Israeli newspaper Sunday, was "vague, carrying American double standards which do not cater to the interests, nor the legitimate rights, of all concerned parties, leaving many questions unanswered."

He explained that these questions are mainly whether the United States is still unprepared to hold direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, and the American position on holding an international peace conference, as accepted by the majority of the world community.

Giavandof pointed out that the American position had some positive elements, such as allowing for continuation of dialogue, and efforts to continue looking for a solution which would pacify all concerned parties. He added that the U.S. proposal "talks about a comprehensive settle-

ment, and this means South Lebanon and the Golan Heights."

Giavandof also said that the "United States is hasty in its efforts to save Israel."

He reiterated the Soviet support for the Palestinian representation at the proposed international conference. "The Soviet Union supports the Palestinian struggle for its rightful claims, and I cannot imagine there being any change in the USSR's position on PLO representation."

Giavandof added that "the Soviet Union cut all diplomatic ties with Israel in 1967 as a result of its invasion of the West Bank, and these ties will not be reinstated until the cause is removed."

He said that reestablishing diplomatic ties with Israel will be considered only when "the route to a political solution has been mapped and worked on."

Giavandof discussed the Soviet-Arab position on the Palestinian problem. He stressed that there were no disagreements between the two sides on the issue since they both "work for the return of occupied Arab lands, a comprehensive settlement of the Palestinian problem and a guarantee of security for all concerned parties in the region."

Giavandof said that the Palestinian national uprising has started to show its positive results, by bringing about a "united Palestinian leadership and proving that only with a clean Palestinian struggle could the Palestinians return their land."

### Rifai criticises remarks

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without overstepping the law, if these violations did exist."

Shbeilat, disagreed with Bataineh over the idea of "acquired right." He said although the ownership of these lands have become protected under the auspices of "acquired right" nevertheless this is a violation of the law, and therefore the Lower House of Parliament could introduce a law which could deal with these violations.

Shbeilat added that if this type of violations is protected by the acquired right then this would have "political repercussions."

Shbeilat explained that by adopting the same idea, "we would not be able to ask for the occupied Arab lands because they also fall under the same theory, which is something we will never accept."

Parliamentarian Abdullah Alkaleil told the House that "it

is time we all become aware of what the Jordan Valley Authority is doing." He added that the original idea behind the development of the Jordan Valley was to "develop our human resources, but with these violations occurring, our citizens have become workers in farms which originally should have belonged to them."

#### Laws approved

The discussion broke out during the reading of the amendment law of the development of Jordan Valley Authority, which was later approved by the House. The House also approved the Jordan Water Authority Draft Law.

The House Credentials Committee, examining the authenticity of voting procedures, refuted accusation made by lawyer Mohammad Al Muarar against the election procedure, which led to the voting in of Nawaf Al Kadhi as deputy for northern Badia.

### Ghandour praises King's support

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viding them with expertise and skilled personnel and training.

RJ to buy 2 new flight simulators

Royal Jordanian (RJ) has contracted to buy two Airbus simulators (for A320 and A310) from Thomson-CSF, according to an RJ press release received in Am-

man Monday.

The two simulators are scheduled to go into service at the Royal Jordanian Air Academy in early 1990.

The air academy, opened in 1977, provides comprehensive personnel training in flying, engineering and maintenance for Royal Jordanian and other airlines.

## Gulf war puts Egyptian arms industry on alert

By Tony Walker

"EVERYBODY is trying to sell new equipment," said General Gema' Al Sayed, Minister of State for Military Production. "We're trying to sell modified existing equipment, especially in the Third World."

The Gulf war and Egypt's own more pressing defence needs as an Arab counterweight to an expansionist Iran have given a boost to its military industries and opened up new export possibilities.

A defence equipment exhibition held in Cairo in November was timely because it enabled Egypt to display its wares at a moment when states in the region are increasingly worried about the Iranian threat. Fourteen Arab States sent delegations, some headed by defence ministers.

Interviews with the officials in charge of military production, heads of government arms factories, defence attaches and representatives of foreign companies seeking to supply Egypt with equipment, indicate that its main priorities are to:

- Improve and upgrade its electronic air and ground defence systems.
- Expand its fledgling electronic industries to enable the manufacture of more sophisticated items and increase possibilities for export.
- Produce a bigger range of spares for its U.S.-supplied equipment.
- Assemble a frontline battle tank, including the manufacture of some components.
- Acquire the technology to re-equip Soviet T-54, T-55 and T-62 tanks, aircraft and missiles.
- Build an intermediate range

battlefield missile.

Egypt is increasingly pressing foreign companies to assist it in manufacturing items suitable for its own military and for re-export. Some companies, such as Plessey Electronics of the U.K., have indicated their willingness to assist in Egypt's defence sales drive.

Egypt has also secured an important commitment from the U.S. to help finance defence production. An initial \$40m was allocated in the fiscal 1988 military assistance programme for this purpose. Egyptian and U.S. representatives met in October to discuss ways in which the money might be spent.

Richard Armitage, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Security Affairs, on a visit to Egypt in April for a meeting of the U.S.-Egyptian military cooperation committee, signalled U.S. willingness to provide more direct financial assistance for local defence industries.

Egypt has initiated a study of areas of possible cooperation with U.S. defence industry. It has commissioned BDM, a Virginia-based consultancy, to advise on items that could be manufactured locally under licensing or offset arrangements.

Gen. Sayed said the U.S. company had been asked by Egypt's ministry of defence to "localise components that can be manufactured in Egypt, to get specifications and engine drawings." The minister said spare parts for existing U.S.-supplied equipment were costing billions. Egypt was anxious to reduce these costs by manufacturing locally where possible.

A study of U.S. military aid for

fiscal 1987 explains Egypt's concern about the high cost of maintaining its sophisticated U.S.-supplied equipment, such as 80 F-16 fighter-bombers. Of the \$1.5bn disbursed in the year to September 30, about \$1bn went in "follow on" support.

This included training, maintenance and spares. Egypt's most ambitious new project is the construction and equipping of Factory 200 on the outskirts of Cairo to start assembling by the early 1990s the General Dynamics Land System's M1A1 Abrams battle tank.

Egypt is making a big investment in the new factory which will also be used to service its existing armoured divisions of U.S.-supplied M-60 tanks.

The U.S. has tentatively allocated \$164m in fiscal 1989 to assist in equipping Factory 200 and providing technical training. Assembly of the M1A1 Abrams tanks would be a large undertaking for Egypt's defence indus-

tries.

One of Egypt's big preoccupations is prolonging the life of existing Soviet-supplied equipment and, where possible, improving it. About half its military equipment was provided by the Soviets before relations cooled in the early 1970s.

Egypt sees a good market among Arab and African states for refurbished Soviet equipment or for the engineering skills to carry out the task. Gen. Sayed said that in surrounding countries there were thousands of Soviet T-54 and T-55 tanks suitable for modernisation.

One of the aims of the recent defence exhibition, he said, was to show that Egypt was acquiring the ability in joint ventures and licensing deals to rebuild older-style Soviet tanks, which he said had a "beautifully strong silhouette." The minister indicated that Teledyne of the U.S. would be awarded the contract on the basis of a "strong and power-

ful modification" of a T-54, to refurbish an as yet unspecified number of the Soviet-supplied tanks. Refurbishment includes installation of new motors, fire control systems and an improved gun.

Gen. Sayed said another important aim of the recent defence exhibition was to inform prospective Third World clients that Egypt was anxious to work with them and match their requirements. One of Egypt's difficulties in selling defence equipment, however, is lack of marketing skills and difficulties in providing finance.

Egyptian officials admit this is a shortcoming in the highly competitive arms trade. They say that a programme to finance arms sales is being studied. Egypt's defence industry has also been seeking assistance in marketing its products.

Plessey, for example, is offering to help market Egyptian-assembled ground-to-ground radar jammers to third countries as part of an inducement to win a contract to supply these devices which are in demand throughout the Middle East. Plessey would be likely to make a similar marketing assistance offer for the ground-to-air jammers which it is also trying to sell to the Egyptians.

Further development of Egypt's electronic sector is seen as offering one of the best means of expanding defence sales, which are presently restricted to small arms and ammunition. Senior Egyptian officials are reticent about the value of arms exports, mostly to Iraq, but these sales are reckoned to total between \$300m and \$500m annually.

The Stockholm Peace and Research Institute in its annual yearbook, warns of one of the problems facing all Third World arms producers — and Egypt is no exception. "Production of major weapons is running into a structural dilemma in most Third World countries," Sipri said. "There is — except in India — too little domestic demand for what can be efficiently produced and — except in Israel — the high-technology weapons in demand by the domestic armed forces cannot be produced."

Sipri figures show that between 1981 and 1985 Israel, Brazil and Egypt led the table of Third World weapon exporting countries. But Egypt's exports were dominated by the Soviet-supplied equipment such as armoured vehicles and field pieces re-exported to Iraq.

Egypt's domestically produced share of total weapon exports was only 5 per cent compared with 91 per cent in Israel's case and 99 per cent for Brazil.

Gen. Sayed, who is responsible for more than one dozen industries employing about 50,000 workers, is proud of achievements. Production, he says, has increased by 250 per cent in eight years while the labour force has swelled by only 12 per cent.

He recognises, however, that Egypt needs to sell equipment in a highly competitive international market to generate funds for new investment. "We need to sell to third countries," he said, "because the requirement for new investment in defence industries is very high... if you don't develop you don't sell even to your own army" — Financial Times.

Country	Value of total exports of major weapons (\$m)	Export value excluding re-exports (\$m)	Domestically-produced share of total exports (%)
Israel	680	617	91
Brazil	506	501	99
Egypt	375	17	5
South Korea	143	138	97
Singapore	79	33	42
South Africa	36	36	100
Indonesia	28	28	100
Argentina	17	17	100
Others	570	6	1
Total	2,434	1,393	57

\* At constant 1975 prices



## Steiner wins World Cup slalom

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Slalom specialist Roswitha Steiner ended nine seasons of uncommon endeavour with an emphatically common result, capping her career by winning the final women's World Cup slalom of the season and capturing the 1987-88 discipline title as well.

"This is really a great finish for my career," the 24-year-old Austrian said Sunday after notching her eighth World Cup slalom victory and second slalom title.

"I am finished. This is it. Now I will take a vacation with my boyfriend and then get a job, probably in banking."

Steiner cashed in with a sizzling first run and a solid second heat in a treacherous race that saw only 22 of the 60 competitors finish the first run and just 15 survive both runs.

Austrians swept the top three positions, with Anita Wachter taking second and Monika Maierhofer third.

A giant slalom was scheduled for Monday.

Steiner's victory was worth 25 points and vaulted her from fifth in the slalom standings to first with 87 points. Previous standings leader Vreni Schneider of Switzerland, with 80 points, was sidelined for the season Friday after suffering a knee injury in an aborted downhill race here.

It was a rare dark day for the Swiss, who had not a single skier finish the race.

Steiner's main competition at

first appeared to be Switzerland's Corinne Schmidhauser, who was awarded second place but later was disqualified for missing a gate in the second heat.

Steiner, pacesetter in the first run on a tightly set 54-gate course, was only third-fastest in the second run with a time of 37.45 seconds. But with the second- and third-place finishers in the initial heat falling in the second run, Steiner had a cushion to work with.

On a day when the key seemed to be to ski around the gates in an old-fashioned manner, instead of directly at them, Steiner finished with an aggregate time of 1 minute, 16.42 seconds. Wachter was timed in 1:17.05 and Maierhofer in 1:17.32.

"I knew I had to have a good second run," said Steiner. "It was not possible to win the slalom title if I just went to the finish. I had to go for it."

"This year I haven't had too much luck. I hadn't won a race until today. So this is really a highlight of my career."

She had a second-place finish and three fifths in slaloms this year. She was fourth in the Olym-

pic slalom, the same result she had in 1984, and won the silver medal in slalom in the 1987 World Championships.

Ironically, Steiner's other slalom title also came in the United States, when she was victorious in the season's final slalom at Waterville Valley, N.H., in 1986.

"I had to win the last race to win that title, too," she said. "Tying for fourth place were Pascaline Freier of France and Karin Buder of Austria in 1:18.00."

Beth Madsen of the United States, who had the fastest second run of 37.27, finished sixth in 1:18.11, and Karen Percy of Canada was seventh in 1:18.53.

Six other Americans, led by Heidi Voelker, finished eighth through 13th.

The first run claimed 10 skiers out of the first seed of 15. Most of the casualties lost it coming over a knoll at the eighth gate.

Steiner called the first course, set by a French coach, "very difficult because the gates were set so close together and the snow was slippery."

Among those unable to finish the first run were Yugoslavia's Mateja Svet, silver medalist in the Olympic slalom; Switzerland's Brigitte Oertli, who won the downhill here Saturday; Spain's Blanca Fernandez Ochoa; West Germany's Christa Kinshofer-Guetlein; Ida Ladstätter of Austria and American Tamara McKinney.



A SMALL LEAD, BY A BIG NOSE — down the home stretch at Gulfstream Park astride thoroughbred jockey, Tim McCanick "sped" Baddy Husher, left, forged ahead as he and former hippopotamus.

### TENNIS

## Maleeva bags Kansas tournament

WICHITA, Kan. (R) — Top seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria took advantage of Sylvia Hanika's predictable serve Sunday to win a tough battle from the third-seeded West German in the final of the \$100,000 Kansas Tennis Tournament.

Maleeva's 7-6, 7-5 victory gave the top seed her first title of 1988 and kept her record against Hanika perfect. Maleeva, who is now 4-0 against the West German, collected \$17,000 for the win. Hanika earned \$8,500.

Maleeva turned an otherwise even match in her favour at 6-5 in the tiebreak when she ripped a forehand service return down the right side past Hanika to take the opening set.

Maleeva said she expected that serve to come down the middle. "I thought she might go to my forehand because she served a lot to my backhand and I thought she might want to try something else."

"For me it was not difficult today to tell where her serve was going by the toss of the ball," said Maleeva. "I knew almost every time where the ball was going."

Hanika thought the second set hinged on calls that went against her.

"I hit a couple of big aces and they called them out. I mean, I could have been 4-2 up in the



Manuela Maleeva

second set," complained Hanika. Hanika had trouble finding her rhythm after the questionable calls and lost her serve in the 12th and final game on unforced errors.

Becker beats Sanchez

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) —

Third-seeded Boris Becker defeated No. 8 seed Emilio Sanchez 7-5, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, in a grueling three-hour four-minute final match played in 104-degree heat in the \$702,500 Champions Cup Sunday.

Becker, a 20-year-old West German, won his first defence of the Champions Cup title. Sanchez, of Barcelona, Spain, has only won one out of seven matches against Becker, who is ranked sixth in the world.

Sanchez, ranked 18th in the world, won two straight upset victories coming into Sunday's final — the first against second-seeded Miloslav Mecir Friday and the second against No. 4 seed Pat Cash in Saturday's semifinal.



Boris Becker

## Fenech clinches 3rd world boxing title

SYDNEY (R) — Jeff Fenech of Australia made light of a broken right hand to claim his third world title by stopping Victor Callejas of Puerto Rico in the 10th round of their 12-round featherweight title fight Monday.

Fenech's victory in the World Boxing Council (WBC) bout between two former super-bantamweight champions was not in doubt after he felled Callejas in the third round.

The 27-year-old from San Juan went down again in the eighth of his second standing count and two more rounds of relentless jabbing from Fenech convinced American referee Richard Steele to stop the fight after one minute 21 seconds of the 10th.

Fenech, a former International Boxing Federation bantamweight champion and WBC super-ban-

tamweight titleholder, is the 11th boxer to claim three world titles.

He has completed the feat in less bouts than anyone in history. The "Marrickville Mauler" is unbeaten in 20 professional bouts, 16 of which he has won inside the distance.

Fenech's triumph in front of 12,000 hometown fans was built on an imposing left jab and greater fitness which wore down Callejas, who looked unhappy at featherweight.

After the fight Fenech revealed he had been training for a month with a broken right hand but had made his chiropractor promise not to tell anyone, including trainer Johnny Lewis.

The fight began at a furious pace but by the third it had been reduced to a question of when and how Fenech was going to trap

Callejas and inflict the first defeat on the Puerto Rican for nine years.

Callejas's shorter reach put him at a disadvantage but it was Fenech's greater speed and unrelenting aggression which caused most problems.

A left elbow in the face and a head butt in the second caused an angry Fenech to raise the pace but Callejas curled up on the ropes to save himself from punishment.

In the third, Fenech spotted the gap he had been waiting for. A right plumb on the nose followed by a left to the stomach dumped Callejas on the bottom rope and then the canvas.

The bell for the end of the round saved the former World Boxing Association (WBA) champion who concentrated on hustling and holding Fenech whenever he lunged for the kill.

## Mexicans win Los Angeles marathon

LOS ANGELES (R) — Two little-known Mexicans — Martin Mondragon and Blanca Jaime — stunned the field to win the men's and women's divisions of the third annual Los Angeles Marathon Sunday.

Mondragon, 34, covered the distance in a course record of two hours 10 minutes 19 seconds, beating his better-known fellow countryman Jesus Herrera by 21 seconds.

South African Mark Plaatjes, who received special permission only this week to run after asking for political asylum in the United States, was one second behind Herrera for third in 2:10:41.

The 23-year-old Jaime, running in only her third marathon, clocked a winning time of 2:36:10. Magda Ilands of Belgium was second in 2:36:42 while Jillian Costly of New Zealand finished

third in the women's division in 2:36:48.

More than 16,000 runners entered the competition which began and ended just outside the Los Angeles coliseum and took them through various parts of the city including the famous Sunset and Hollywood boulevards.

Each of the winners received \$25,000 and a Mercedes Benz automobile valued at around \$35,000.

## Sixteen killed at car race

NEOCHEA, Argentina (AP) — A race car blew a tyre and plunged into a crowd of spectators Sunday, killing at least 16 persons and injuring more than a dozen others, police said.

Authorities said the car, a Dodge driven by Argentine driver Edgardo Caparros, was participating in a tourist class race for modified stock cars outside this city, 683.48 kilometres south of Buenos Aires.

Witnesses said Caparros, who was hospitalized, was going 261 kph when the tyre blew and the vehicle overturned, rolling into a crowd of onlookers, including families who had been picnicking beside the race course, a closed-off section of highway.

"It was terrible," said driver Luis Fernandez, who was following Caparros. "His car went off the track like an arrow."

Ambulances and fire department vehicles rushed victims to hospitals and clinics in Neococha, an Atlantic coastal city of 25,000 which serves as a farming centre and summer seaside resort.

Authorities told the private news agency Diarios Y Noticias (DYN) that 13 fatalities, including three women and two children, had been counted at the municipal hospital, while three more died were at a private clinic.

The race, the second of the season, was suspended following the accident. Tourism class racing is very popular in Argentina and the races attract large numbers of spectators.

Authorities said both Caparros and his co-pilot, Alberto Belli, were under treatment in the intensive care ward of a private clinic.

### NBA STANDINGS

NEW YORK (R) — Standings of National Basketball Association (NBA) teams after Sunday's games:

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston Celtics	41	19	.683	—
Washington Bullets	25	32	.439	14½
New York Knicks	24	33	.421	15½
Philadelphia 76ers	24	34	.414	16
New Jersey Nets	15	42	.263	24½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit Pistons	38	19	.667	—
Atlanta Hawks	35	22	.614	3
Chicago Bulls	33	25	.569	5½
Milwaukee Bucks	31	25	.554	6½
Indiana Pacers	29	29	.500	9½
Cleveland Cavaliers	28	31	.475	11

Western Conference Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas Mavericks	40	18	.690	—
Denver Nuggets	36	21	.632	3½
Houston Rockets	34	23	.596	5½
Utah Jazz	31	26	.544	8½
San Antonio Spurs	22	33	.400	16½
Sacramento Kings	17	41	.293	23

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
X-Los Angeles Lakers	47	10	.825	—
Portland Trail Blazers	36	21	.632	11
Seattle SuperSonics	30	29	.508	18
Phoenix Suns	17	40	.298	30
Golden State Warriors	14	42	.250	32½
Los Angeles Clippers	12	44	.214	34½

(X-clinched playoff berth)

### NHL STANDINGS

NEW YORK (R) — Standings of National Hockey League (NHL) teams after Sunday's games:

Wales Conference Patrick Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington Capitals	36	26	6	78	246	198
Philadelphia Flyers	34	26	7	75	247	244
New York Islanders	33	26	9	75	255	226
New Jersey Devils	31	34	5	67	245	267
New York Rangers	28	31	8	64	249	240
Pittsburgh Penguins	27	30	9	63	257	265

Adams Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal Canadiens	38	20	10	86	253	212
Boston Bruins	38	24	5	81	260	213
Buffalo Sabres	31	27	9	71	234	248
Hartford Whalers	28	31	7	63	200	218
Quebec Nordiques	27	36	4	58	228	253

Campbell Conference Norris Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
X-Detroit Red Wings	34	24	9	77	273	229
St. Louis Blues	29	32	6	64	228	235
Chicago Black Hawks	27	33	7	61	234	265
Toronto Maple Leafs	19	39	10	48	237	291
Minnesota North Stars	17	41	9	43	232	289

Smythe Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
X-Calgary Flames	39	20	7	85	315	249
X-Edmonton Oilers	37	22	8	82	305	242
Winnipeg Jets	31	27	9	71	257	248
Los Angeles Kings	25	39	5	55	260	307
Vancouver Canucks	21	42	7	49	235	294

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#### TERMS OF PARTICIPATION:

- The artists may participate with no less than 3 photos.
- Each photo should measure 30 x 40 cm and should be fixed to a frame.
- Photos should be coloured or black and white.
- Themes:
  - Still nature.
  - Landscape.
  - Cities and antiquities.
  - Portraits.
- Photos must depict the Jordanian environment and character and must not have been exhibited previously.
- All photos should indicate the following:
  - Name and address of photographer.
  - The year photograph was taken.
  - Type of film used.
- Information should be placed at the back of each photo.
- All photos will be exhibited at the Seventh Jerash Festival.

- Kindly submit all entries to: The Jordan National Gallery for Fine Arts, Jebel Weibdeh Park, Tel. 630128. Deadline for submission June 1, 1988.
- Three prizes will be awarded for each theme and winners will be announced during a special event in the Seventh Jerash Festival.

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## Jordan completes major housing projects envisaged in 5-year plan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The major part of the five-year plan for setting up housing units in the Kingdom has been implemented, according to Public Works and Housing Minister Shafiq Zaidi.

The minister said that the plan envisaged setting up 10,040 housing units between 1986 and 1990, and most of these have been built in the rural areas and the small towns of Jordan to meet the

growing demand for housing.

Some of these units were requested by government ministries and other departments to house their employees working in remote regions of the Kingdom, Zaidi said.

The construction of units in rural regions, he said, is bound to help stem people's movement from rural to urban regions and enable many to settle in their land and engage in agricultural

activity.

The cost of the 10,040 units was estimated at JD 113 million at the beginning of 1986, according to Zaidi.

He said that the total of JD 1.6 billion was invested in the construction and building sector in the Kingdom in the past five year plan (1981-1985), 85 per cent of which was implemented by local contractors.

## Royal Decree approves higher levy to benefit universities

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Royal Decree has been issued approving the amendment of law no. (4) of 1985 entitled "Law of Additional Fees for the Universities of Jordan, Yarmouk, and Mu'ta".

According to Tax Brief, a bulletin issued by the Jordanian accounting firm Dajani and Alaeddin, paragraph (A) of article no (3) of the said law will be cancelled and replaced by the following:

A. An additional levy is imposed at one per cent annually calculated on the net profits of the public shareholding companies and the foreign companies registered and operating in Jordan. This levy is payable within 30 days from the approval by the general assembly of the financial statements of the company or 30 days from the date of publishing of financial statements by foreign companies operating in Jordan.

It should be noted that this amendment will be applicable on financial statements for the year ended December 1987. The additional fees paid to the universities are deductible from the tax base.

## AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — Trading of 514,927 shares of Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries for a value of JD 145,309 boosted overall activities Monday to a total of 857,785 shares at a volume of JD 658,395 spread over 588 contracts, of which 167 involved the aforementioned company.

Universal Chemical Industries and Alaeddin Industries were in second and third position as 58,000 shares for JD 106,899 and 48,500 shares for JD 69,153 were recorded through 19 and 69 contracts respectively.

Other companies which posted high number of shares or a high volume of trading included: National Steel Industries (JD 63,229 for 22,170 shares); Intermediate Chemical Industries (JD 40,716 for 26,441 shares); and Jordan Cement Factories (JD 21,881 for 20,360 shares).

Shares of 47 companies were traded but prices varied noticeably for Arab Bank (JD 117,000 - 116,600) and Jordan Sulpho Chemical (JD 3,040 - JD 2,980).

At the parallel market, 16,719 shares were traded for a total of JD 9,830.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1988

## YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Pipher Institute

### GENERAL TENDENCIES:

This is a good time to begin new ventures, or to be rid of old, non-profitable ones. When dealing with others today, sarcasm should be avoided at all costs. Be personable and confident this evening.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get your assets and liabilities organized as efficiently as you can. Don't make any drastic changes today.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Do something special to cheer up your mate, as this person has been down in the dumps lately. Be sure early on that you are not being misled.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Avoid a person who usually depresses you, or that mood will stick with you all day. Be more cooperative with your co-workers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be careful this evening and don't allow yourself to be drawn into an activity you don't approve of. Be firm about this, but polite.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A long-standing worry could depress you if you allow it to. If there is nothing you can do to rectify the situation, forget it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A good friend of yours has been feeling depressed and helpless, so try to raise the spirits of this person who has done so much for you.

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# 9 reported killed in Lhasa violence

PEKING (R) — Up to nine people have been killed in renewed unrest in Tibet, and China's official news agency said calm had returned to the area Monday after Saturday's violence involving nationalist Tibetans and Chinese security forces.

Westerners returning to Peking from Lhasa Sunday night said thousands of Tibetans attacked cars, threw stones at police and scuffled with Chinese journalists covering a holy Buddhist festival.

They said police used tear-gas to disperse rioters and gunfire was heard after dark. The official New China News Agency said one policeman was thrown to his death from a window after demonstrators stormed a building where he was observing demonstrations. At least 28 other people were injured.

Western sources, contacted in Lhasa by the Associated Press, said the city was quiet Sunday and Monday, but that Jokhang Temple, the scene of the bloody clashes, was closed. Sources said stores were open and marketplace stalls were doing business Monday.

Reports said the violence began in the morning and continued late into the night. It did not say how many Tibetans took part in the riots or if there were any arrests.

It was the first outbreak of violence since last Oct. 1, when about 2,000 Tibetans, led by Buddhist monks, torched a police station facing the Jokhang Temple. Police opened fire, and at least 14 people were killed in the battle.

China, which claims Tibet has been an integral part of the nation for centuries, moved troops into the remote mountain region in 1950.

But many Tibetans deeply resent Peking because of oppression of Tibetan religion and customs and destruction of temples during the cultural revolution of 1966-76.

Although China since has tried to redress many of the past wrongs, friction remains between the Tibetan people and the Hans, China's ethnic majority, who continue to hold many senior posts in Lhasa.

The New China News Agency said Monday that protesters "stormed, looted and set fire to shops and restaurants and beat up policemen sent to maintain order."

It said protesters with steel bars and wooden sticks knocked down two policemen, stabbed them and threw them from a second-floor window. One of the policemen later died and the other was reported in serious condition.

The agency quoted Tibetan officials as demanding justice against the protesters.

The agency said: "They (local leaders) were of the opinion that

the people's government has exercised too much restraint and shown enough tolerance and patience towards these people."

Western diplomats in Peking said China would likely delay any easing of restrictions imposed after last October's unrest. Diplomats and journalists were only recently allowed to visit the region, which was placed off limits after the violence.

Curbs on individual tourists and tight travel restrictions along the Nepalese border would also remain in effect, the diplomats said.

Peking has stationed troops around Lhasa, posted police in the monasteries and forced monks to attend political education sessions. Diplomats said these tough restrictions would likely remain in force.

Saturday's protests came de-

spite heavy police security around the Jokhang temple to control crowds attending the 500-year-old annual Moimlam Qemmo, or Great Prayer Festival.

Chinese authorities had considered cancelling the festival this year because of fears of a repetition of October's violence.

The Lhasa government has turned down almost all requests by foreign journalists to visit Lhasa and has restricted tourism to the area since October.

## Protests in Delhi

In New Delhi, Tibetan exiles rushed Indian police lines Monday during a demonstration called in support of the protests in Tibet.

Several Tibetans among the 300 demonstrators, who included Buddhist monks, women and teenagers, were slightly injured when police prevented them mar-

ching to the presidential palace.

A Buddhist monk was knocked to the ground when he attacked police who took away the Tibetan flag he was carrying. Other protesters waved multicoloured Buddhist religious flags as they struggled with police.

Later demonstrators burned a Chinese flag and sang the Tibetan national anthem.

"We will win our freedom," the Tibetans chanted with clenched fists.

A demonstrator holding a Tibetan flag fainted and was carried away.

The Chinese embassy in the diplomatic district was cordoned off by police.

The demonstration was organised by Tibetan Freedom Movement, an organisation of self-exiled Tibetans, and the Tibetan Youth Congress.



Temple prayers ... Tibetan Buddhist monks assemble for prayers in Lhasa during the Moimlam Qemmo festival. Monks, many of whom sympathised with last October's anti-Chinese demonstrations in

Lhasa, at first boycotted the festival at the Jokhang Temple, but later took part.

## 3 IRA activists shot dead in Gibraltar

LONDON (R) — Three Irish guerrillas killed after planting a car bomb in the British colony of Gibraltar were unarmed when they were shot in a British army ambush, a British Defence Ministry spokesman indicated Monday.

He said no weapons were found at the spot where two men and a woman belonging to the Irish Republican Army (IRA) were gunned down Sunday.

Shortly after the shooting, security forces made the 230-kilogramme bomb safe with a controlled explosion.

The IRA, which admitted that the three belonged to an active service unit, said earlier they were not carrying guns.

British Armed Forces Minister Ian Stewart told a radio interviewer that the IRA operation was disclosed by an intelligence tipoff, and that the bomb was planned to explode during a military ceremony in Gibraltar Tuesday.

Stewart said the car bomb "could have caused a great deal of loss of life and other damage."

The car, with Spanish licence plates, was parked outside a Jewish old people's home, a bank and an educational theatre 500 metres from the residence of Gibraltar

Governor Sir Peter Terry. A Northern Ireland radio station quoted an IRA statement as saying they were all members of the guerrilla group fighting to end British rule in the province.

Republican sources identified them as Mairead Farrell, 31, Daniel McCann, 30, and Sean Savage, 24.

Witnesses in Gibraltar said fire was opened at the suspected guerrillas without warning. Two were killed at a petrol station near the airport and the third as he ran towards the town centre.

Asked whether any warning had been given before the guerrillas were shot, Stewart said: "It's much too early to comment in detail on what has happened."

In London, the Guardian newspaper said the guerrillas were part of an IRA squad that recently travelled to Spain's Costa Del Sol, and disappeared after Spanish police alerted British security forces to their presence.

It reported the three guerrillas reappeared in Gibraltar, at the southern tip of Spain, several days ago.

The newspaper said the IRA picked Gibraltar as a target because the colony was used as a base to track IRA gun-running operations in the Mediterranean.

## Panamanian opposition unites against Noriega

PANAMA CITY (Agencies) — Panama's opposition parties and civil resistance groups are ready for the first time to support ousted President Eric Arturo Delvalle in a united front against military strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega, opposition leaders said Monday.

Civic Crusade leader Aurelio Barria told reporters an announcement would be made on a new coalition "to fight for the restoration of democracy in Panama."

It will be the first time the ousted president will have won backing from the opposition.

The final details of the pact were being worked out in negotiations between the Crusade, a coalition of about 200 business and labour groups, and opposition parties.

It comes after Panama's 117 banks were forcibly closed by actions in the American courts, freezing dollar transfers to the

Panamanian Central Bank. This was expected to cause severe strains on the financial system this week, with Panamanians unable to draw cash to buy food and other essentials.

The country has already gone onto a cash basis. With banks closed, payment by cheque or credit card has become virtually impossible and Panamanians were offering their pay cheques at a discount on the streets.

Delvalle, 50, who was deposed by the Panamanian parliament after attempting to fire Noriega last month, is recognised by Washington as the legitimate head of government, but had not been accepted by opposition groups.

The fact that he was a non-elected Noriega appointee more than two years ago had prompted doubts of his chances of becoming a realistic rallying point for political opposition to the military regime.

## Philippine rebels kill 9

MANILA (Agencies) — Communist guerrillas shot dead six Philippine sailors and three civilians near an American base, and in a separate attack seized an entire town and held its police force hostage, the Philippine army said Monday.

It said the sailors were returning to Subic Naval Base Sunday when rebels fired on their jeep six kilometres from the base, also killing three civilian hitch-hikers.

The sailors were from a local unit providing security at Subic, America's biggest overseas naval base.

It was the second major guerrilla attack in four months outside an American base.

A U.S. Navy spokesman said Sunday's attack was not directed in any way at American personnel, and the base had not reacted. "It only concerned Filipinos," he said.

On Saturday, about 100 rebels in captured government vehicles, seized Abra de Ilog on Mindoro Island, 160 kilometres south of Manila after overpowering the

town police station and holding six officers hostage.

The military report said the rebels blocked entry to the town of 14,000 people and cut it off from all communication and transport. They seized arms, ammunition and radio equipment and fled after making political speeches to residents.

In another development, a priest identified as a rebel commander by the military has fled Mindanao Island after he was wounded by comrades who learned he was planning to surrender, officials said Monday.

The Reverend Frank Navarro sent word to the government that he was recuperating in a Cebu area hideout and wanted to surrender and be granted amnesty, said Romeo Capangpangan, spokesman of the Department of Social Welfare.

Capangpangan said Navarro apparently suffered a bullet wound to the shoulder in an ambush last week by his own followers in Mindanao's Surigao Del Sur province.

## COLUMN

### King Tut artefacts found at discoverer's home

LONDON (R) — A grandson of the man who helped discover the tomb of Tutankhamen has unearthed a hoard of Egyptian artefacts hidden in the family's home for more than 60 years, the Times of London reported Monday. The tomb of Egyptian King Tutankhamen, who lived about 3,338 years ago, was found almost intact in 1922 by explorers Howard Carter and the Earl of Carnarvon, in a major boost to Egyptology. The antiquities were discovered when a 75-year-old retired family butler helped the present Lord Carnarvon compile an inventory at Highclere Castle, in the south England county of Hampshire. The old retainer agreed the task was almost completed, "except for the Egyptian stuff," the Times said. The butler then led the way to two hidden cupboards, an unused document-room and a housekeeper's drawer where most of the 300 objects were found. "The discovery fills the remaining gaps of the extraordinary story of the finding of the tomb of Tutankhamen — the greatest Egyptian find in history — by the fifth earl (also Lord Carnarvon) and Howard Carter," the Times said. One of the most valuable objects was a wooden face of Tutankhamen's grandfather, it said.

### Single women very concerned by AIDS

NEW YORK (R) — Three of every four single American women are extremely or very concerned about the impact of AIDS, and two of five said their sex lives were directly affected by the deadly disease, a new poll showed Sunday. People magazine said that while very few cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) have occurred in the United States outside the known risk groups — homosexual and bisexual men, intravenous drug abusers and their sex partners — its poll showed anxiety and confusion have become widespread. "Sometimes I feel like locking myself in the house and never coming out," the magazine quoted 22-year-old college student Justine Massara as saying in an article incorporating the results of a telephone survey of 500 single women. "It's sad, when I think of love, I think of romance, not technical instructions on how to use a condom," she said. The poll, conducted for the magazine last month, said 75 per cent of women said they were "extremely" or "very" concerned about the AIDS epidemic, and 40 per cent said their sex lives had been directly affected by the disease. Of the women who have made adjustments in their sex lives, the poll said that 78 per cent have become more discriminating about their sex partners and insist on using condoms.

### Spanish boy beheaded after argument

TALIGA, Spain (R) — A man beheaded a 10-year-old boy after a bar argument and threw the head into a blazing fireplace, police sources in the southern Spanish town of Taliga said. They said Manuel Martin Vasquez, 24, held a knife to the boy's throat after an argument with his uncle and ordered everyone out of the bar. He then locked the door, severed the boy's head and threw it into the fire. Residents said police protected him from an angry mob as they took him to a psychiatric hospital.

### Fergie and Andy too far?

LONDON (R) — Britain's Duke and Duchess of York were flying home from Los Angeles Monday into a barrage of press criticism about their behaviour during a visit the Americans dubbed a "rollicking royal roadshow." After 10 fun-filled days of delighting Californian crowds with their public antics and quips, Prince Andrew and his wife, the former Sarah Ferguson, are being scolded by Britain's press for finally breaching the bounds of royal protocol. Britain's racy tabloids had a field day reporting on the risque dresses that "Fergie," expecting her first child in August, chose to wear in the company of Hollywood's stars. But the serious Sunday Times asked whether the couple spent too much time partying, instead of acting as ambassadors for British culture and trade, the main reason for their trip. "In the event, the Yorks spent less than seven hours of their 10-day sojourn promoting trade with Britain," the newspaper said.

## 'Super Tuesday' polls show Bush, Dukakis leading

WASHINGTON (R) — Voters taking part in primary elections in 20 states Tuesday may give Vice-President George Bush an insurmountable lead in his bid to secure the Republican Party's presidential nomination.

The votes are the biggest one-day series of presidential primary contests in history, most of them in southern states. The involve selection of nearly one-third of the delegates attending conventions this summer to determine the standard-bearers for both Republican and Democratic camps.

Opinion polls put Bush well clear of Senator Robert Dole, former television evangelist Pat Robertson and New York Congressman Jack Kemp in the 17 states holding Republican primaries and caucuses.

The Democratic race is tight in most of the 20 states where voting is taking place. Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis holds a lead in some key states, like Texas and Florida, over civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, Missouri Congressman Richard Gephardt and Tennessee Senator Al Gore.

Dukakis also is expected to do well in his home state and Rhode Island, two of the six states at

stake outside the South. Analysts from both parties say that despite substantial publicity surrounding "Super Tuesday," a low turnout could affect the outcome.

Bush, who scored his first win in the South handily Saturday in the South Carolina primary, could virtually nail down the party nomination with a good showing Tuesday.

At a glance, here's what is at stake on "Super Tuesday:"

### Republicans

Candidates: George Bush, vice-president and front-runner of polls in the southern-dominated races; Robert Dole, Senate Republican leader, fighting to stay in contention; Pat Robertson, former TV evangelist, needing big outpouring of religious followers to be a contender; Jack Kemp, New York congressman who might drop out unless he scores upset wins.

At stake: Republicans will nominate their presidential candidate at the Republican convention in New Orleans, starting August 15.

It will require 1,139 delegate votes to win, a majority of the 2,277 delegates.

On Super Tuesday, Republicans will select 753 delegates, about 33 per cent of all delegates, and 66 per cent of the number needed to win.

### Democrats

Candidates: Michael Dukakis, Massachusetts governor, showing well in some polls in the South; Jesse Jackson, civil rights leader and only black, expected to make

big surge in south among blacks; Richard Gephardt, Missouri congressman hopes populist message will win in the South; Albert Gore, Tennessee senator needing big victories in his native South to be viable; Paul Simon, Illinois senator who dropped out of active Super Tuesday campaigning; Gary Hart, running token campaign after poor starts in earlier

races. At stake: Democrats will pick their nominee at an Atlanta convention starting on July 18. It will require 2,082 out of the 4,162 total delegates to win.

On Super Tuesday, 1,307 delegates will be chosen, more than 31 per cent of the total Atlanta delegates, or nearly 63 per cent of the majority needed to win.

## British military exercise begins in Falklands

LONDON (AP) — A 25-day military exercise to test Britain's ability to reinforce the Falkland Islands against enemy invasion began quietly Monday with an intelligence-gathering war game, the British Ministry of Defence said.

"At this stage, it's very much a paper exercise," a spokesman said. "The exercise will start with intelligence reports that an enemy is raising the threat level. They will play out a scenario."

A British-based infantry battalion of 600 to 1,000 troops is to be flown in Tristar and VC-10 transports flanked by F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers to the South Atlantic archipelago on March 17 and 18, the spokesman said. He spoke on the condition he not be identified.

A dispute over the Falkland Islands sparked a 1982 war between Britain and Argentina, which calls the islands the Malvinas and claims them as an inheritance of Spanish colonial rule.

A British naval force recaptured the colony in a 74-day war that killed 712 Argentine and 258 British troops.

Argentina, which has launched a diplomatic offensive against the manoeuvres said its armed forces would be placed on "defensive alert." Britain insisted the exercise was purely defensive.

The exercise Fire Focus will demonstrate how a new £395 million (\$690 million) airport in the Falklands will permit quick reinforcement of the island's military garrison by British-based forces 13,000 kilometres away.

The exercise, which runs through March 31, is the largest since the war and the first in which reinforcements are being flown in from Britain. In 1982, Britain could not airlift troops because it did not have access to a suitable runway, and its naval force took weeks to reach the islands.

## Indian opposition protests Gandhi's Punjab move

NEW DELHI (R) — Indian opposition leaders walked out of parliament Monday in protest at the government's dissolution of the Punjab State Assembly.

Sikh, Hindu and left-wing parties said the dismissal of the 117-member assembly in Chandigarh was unlikely to bring peace to Punjab, where more than 325 people have been killed in Sikh separatist violence this year.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi dissolved the assembly Sunday, two days after releasing Sikhism's five high priests and 40 Sikhs jailed without trial for separatist sympathies.

The two moves were expected to herald the opening of a dia-

logue between the government and Sikh hardliners, and fresh state elections.

Deputy Home Minister P. Chidambaram did not mention elections when he defended the moves Monday in the Lower House.

He described the continuation of the assembly as purposeless and futile. He said the government would introduce a bill to extend direct rule of Punjab from New Delhi beyond May 11.

Gandhi sacked Punjab's moderate Sikh government last May 11 for failing to curb separatist killings, suspended the assembly and imposed direct rule for one year.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Manila may lift ban on maids to Jordan

MANILA (R) — A worldwide ban on Philippine women working as domestic helpers may be lifted shortly in at least Hong Kong and Singapore, Philippine President Corason Aquino suggested Sunday. Aquino said the two Asian centres along with Jordan now represented "no problem" for the Philippines, which is seeking to protect its workers abroad after repeated complaints that Filipina maids were being sexually abused and subjected to near-slave labour working conditions. "In countries where we have no problems, we will be allowing our female workers to go there. But in countries where there are problems, it will take some time before we let the female workers go there," Aquino said in a radio broadcast. She gave no further details.

### 'Vatican was ready to pay ransom'

ROME (AP) — The Vatican was ready to pay a ransom to free former Italian Premier Aldo Moro from his Red Brigades kidnappers, and Pope Paul VI contacted the guerrilla group, Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti was quoted Sunday as saying. Panorama magazine made available excerpts of the interview prepared for its March 13 issue, and the recollection of Andreotti was eagerly scooped up by Italian newspapers as the 10th anniversary of the abduction approaches. On Sunday media also quoted a Vatican official as denying the claim in Panorama that Paul VI had established contact with the kidnappers. Moro, a Christian Democrat and former five-time premier, was seized March 16, 1978, in an ambush near his home that killed five of his

bodyguards. His bullet-riddled body was found in a car parked in central Rome 55 days later.

### Saney supporters stave off reform votes

BRASILIA (R) — Supporters of Brazilian President Jose Sarney Sunday delayed critical votes in the Constituent Assembly that would spell the end of his beleaguered rule, congressional sources said Sunday. A vote on whether to adopt a parliamentary system that would concentrate power in the hands of a prime minister had been expected Sunday, but Sarney supporters delayed it by depriving the assembly of a necessary quorum, they said. Congressmen said they still expected the 559-member assembly to move quickly towards key political decisions in framing a new constitution for Brazil's fledgling democracy.

### Downing St. suicide man mourned

WORKSOP, England (R) — The plight of Britain's 2.5 million jobless dominated the funeral Monday of an unemployed roadworker who burned himself to death outside British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office last month. Depressed at his failure to find a job, 40-year-old Derek Brainbridge set himself ablaze in his petrol-doused car at the entrance to London's Downing Street, only 100 metres from the prime minister's residence. "Too young to retire, too old to die," read the suicide note Brainbridge left. The Reverend Brian Hunt told the funeral service in Brainbridge's north English hometown of Worksop that many of the area's 15 per cent unemployed shared his desperation.

**GOREN BRIDGE**

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NATURAL CLUB

Both vulnerable, North deals.

**NORTH**

♠ Q J 10 6 2

♥ A K 7

♦ 7 5 2

♣ Q 3

**WEST**

♠ 8 4

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ 3

♣ K J 9 6 5 2

**EAST**

♠ K 7 3

♥ Void

♦ K J 9 8 6 4

♣ A 10 8 4

**SOUTH**

♠ A 9 8

♥ Q J 10 6 5 4

♦ A Q 10

♣ 7

Obviously, West's diamond lead was a singleton. East confirmed that by making the discovery play of the jack, won by declarer's queen. A trump to the king brought the news of the 4-0 break. Declarer could do nothing better than run the queen of spades, then repeat the finesse. East correctly refused to cover.

Declarer reeled off four rounds of trumps, to draw all West's fangs, then cashed ace of spades. That brought about this position:

♠ 10 6

♦ Q 3

♥ K 9

♣ A 10

♠ K J 9 6

♦ A 10

♥ 7

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 ♠	2	2	Pass
3	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5	Pass	6	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Three of ♠

If we were to tell you that the fulfilling trick in declarer's slam contract came from the queen of clubs, you would, considering the date, be justified in being sceptical. But this is no April Fool's tale. Watch how the play unfolded.

South's decision go for slam is reasonable. He had a fit for his partner's suit, his diamond honors were superbly placed behind the overall and he had a singleton in the untid suit. All that remained after a diamond lead was for him to bring home his contract.

When declarer led his last trump, East could not discard a diamond. Also, he saw that if he clung to the ace of clubs, he would be thrown in with that card and forced to lead away from his king of diamonds into declarer's A10 tenace. So he jettisoned the ace, but to no avail. Declarer led a club, and there was now no way to prevent dummy's queen from being the entry to the good spades.

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